An usual day at Jshoujo's palace.
I WANT MORE MANGA
SHUT UP AND WAIT
WHY ARE YOU TAKING SO LONG?
IT'S A LEECHER
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
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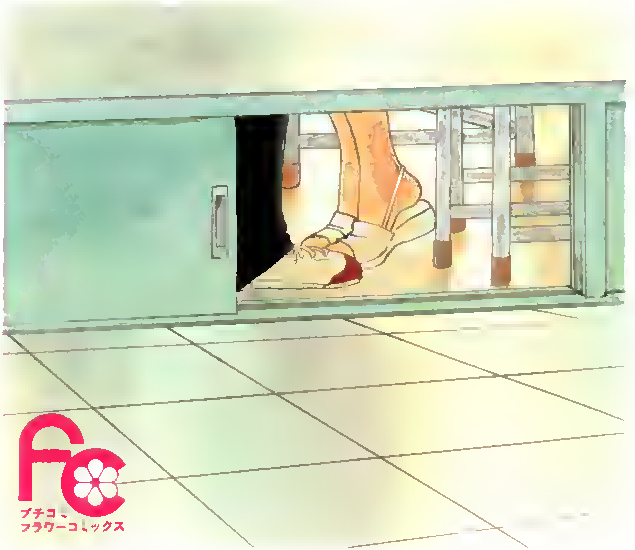

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★初めて担任を持ったばかりの高校教師・今日子。内緒の恋人・同僚の田崎に励まされながら、生徒と対峙する日々。そんな最中、男子生徒・桜井の熱い視線を感じ始める今日子。放課後の音楽室で、2人の視線が交錯したその時…!? 甘くスリリングなオトナの恋愛模様を描いた、長編3編を収録!!

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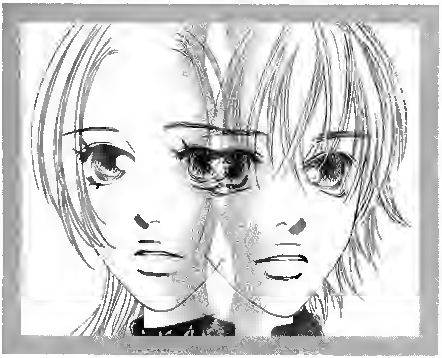

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HE'S REALLY LATE.
YOU'RE LATE!
HUH?
GUESS WHOO—?

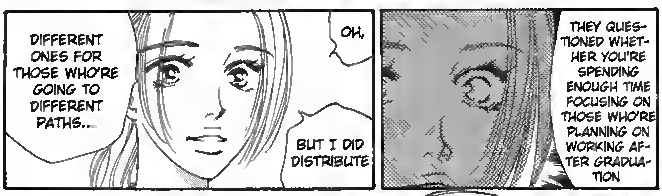
AH...
WHAT'D SHE MEAN BY THAT? SOMETHING GOING ON BETWEEN YOU TWO, HUH?
SHOCKED
Oh shit! My students!
OOOH~ LOOKS LIKE THE ODDS ARE STACKED AGAINST YOU, SAKURA!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE WAITING FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND?
I'M JUST MEETING UP WITH A FRIEND FOR NEW YEAR...
PANICKED
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR, TOO?
PANICKED
PANICKED
PANICKED
...
LET'S HANG OUT TOGETHER!
THAT'S RIGHT~
HEY KYOUKO-CHAN, IS YOUR FRIEND HOT?
YOU GUYS REEK OF ALCOHOL
TENSE

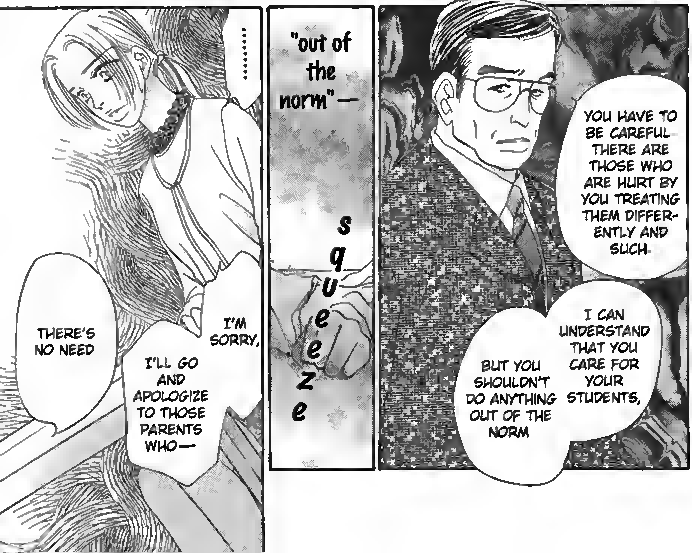
GEEZ.
WELL, HAPPY NEW YEAR!
ahahaha
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO BE BUGGING YOUR TEACHER LIKE THIS, GO HOME AND STUDY!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
OH RIGHT, TODAY'S THE LAST DAY OF THIS YEAR.
...ARE THEY GONE?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF WE RUN INTO OTHER STUDENTS AFTER THIS?
I'LL SAY WE'RE DOING ROUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL
SMOOTH
You really think they'd fall for that?
I NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D COME HERE.
I PANICKED FOR A SECOND THERE,
Whoa
TAZAKI-SAN!

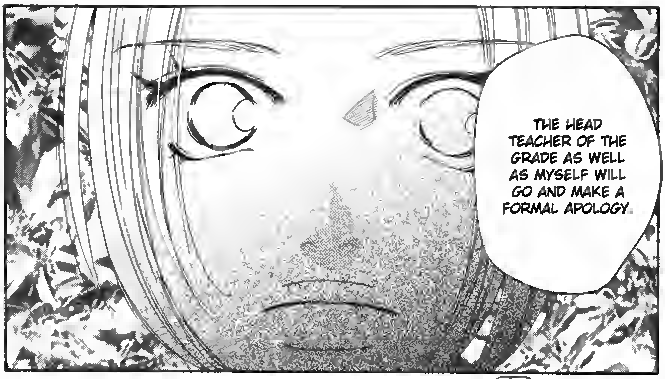
It'll attract good luck!
Oh, "modest luck," huh?
EXCUSE ME, BUT I'D LIKE 28 SUCCESS AT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION CHARMS, AND 7 PERFECT HEALTH CHARMS PLEASE
CLANG
CLANG
Since we, teachers are pretty well-known around this part of town,
it's quite a bit of work to go on dates.
YOU'RE A HARD WORKER, YOU KNOW THAT?
ONCE THE STUDENTS GRADUATE, THEY'RE GOING TO FORGET ALL ABOUT US, YOU KNOW.
I KNOW THAT
YEAH, BUT THE HARDER YOU TRY, THE REALITY OF THE TRUTH'LL COME AS ALL THE MORE SHOCK.
SNICKER
the harder you try..
WELL, I DO FIND THAT SIDE OF YOU ENDEARING.

Student Address Log
THIS IS MY FIRST TEACHING POSITION, SO IT MIGHT BE TRUE THAT I AM TRYING A BIT TOO HARD.
BUT, BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE TAZAKI-SAN SUPPORTING ME, IT MAKES ME WANT TO TRY MY BEST
HINO-SENSEI
?
Resource Room
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
YES?

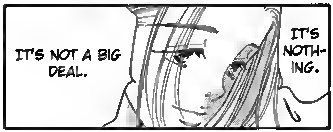
WE RECEIVED SEVERAL PHONE CALLS FROM CONCERNED PARENTS
I HEARD THAT YOU DISTRIBUTED GOOD LUCK CHARMS TO YOUR STUDENTS.
?
YES, I DID...


THEY QUESTIONED WHETHER YOU'RE SPENDING ENOUGH TIME FOCUSING ON THOSE WHO'RE PLANNING ON WORKING AFTER GRADUATION
OH,
BUT I DID DISTRIBUTE
DIFFERENT ONES FOR THOSE WHO'RE GOING TO DIFFERENT PATHS...


YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL. THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE HURT BY YOU TREATING THEM DIFFERENTLY AND SUCH.
I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CARE FOR YOUR STUDENTS,
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T DO ANYTHING OUT OF THE NORM
"out of the norm"—
squeeze
.....
I'M SORRY,
I'LL GO AND APOLOGIZE TO THOSE PARENTS WHO—
THERE'S NO NEED


THE HEAD TEACHER OF THE GRADE AS WELL AS MYSELF WILL GO AND MAKE A FORMAL APOLOGY.

YOU WERE CALLED OUT BY THE VICE PRINCIPAL, RIGHT?
WHAT'S UP?


IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
IT'S NOTHING.

"the harder you try"—
I'LL MAKE SURE IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN
—I'M EXTREMELY SORRY ABOUT THIS..
.....

THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST TEST FOR ALL OF YOU, SO PLEASE TRY YOUR BEST
IF YOU EVER NEED HELP, I'M HERE, YOU KNOW
BOYS THESE DAYS CAN GET A BIT OUT OF HAND
(WED)
DAILY DUTIES
AFTER THE END OF HOME-ROOM, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SIT IN YOUR ALPHA-BETICAL ORDER
HAMAGUCHI
TAC
UGHHHHH~
THOSE WHO'VE REQUESTED TO TAKE COURSES RIGHT UP UNTIL THEIR ENTRANCE EXAMS — DON'T FORGET TO SHOW UP FOR THOSE!
OH, AND ONE MORE THING
OH, AND AFTER THE EXAMS ARE OVER, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BE-COMES OPTIONAL, SO MAKE SURE TO TAKE HOME ANY-THING THAT YOU HAVE HERE LITTLE BY LITTLE

CLATTER
CLATTER
THUD
AH, SORRY
.....
She's one of those heading directly to work after graduation...
Tsss o-o-o
RUSTLE
HEY, MAKE SURE TO HAVE YOUR CELL PHONE TURNED OFF DURING YOUR EXAMS
OH
RIGHT, RIGHT

COULD YOU BE ANYMORE OBVIOUS?!
SAKURAI—!
AHAHA, SOMEONE'S FORGOTTEN THAT WE ALL GOT ONE FROM HER!
WHAT?
HEY, DON'T BE HATIN',
I KNOW YOU'RE ALL JUST JEALOUS!
HA
HAHA
WELL,
TRY YOUR BEST I EXPECT GOOD RESULTS!
AH,
KYOUKO-CHAN!

I'm such an idiot...
LOVE YA—!
such an idiot...
taste use only
I'm...
oh, but...
I'm sure Tazaki-san would laugh at me if he heard about this...
All he did was hold his cell phone up...

Thank you.
At least Sakurai-kun
understands.
This is exactly why I always want to put forth my best effort.
SCHOOL CHIME
BOW—
Music Room
.....
SCHOOL CHIME
SCHOOL CHIME
SCHOOL CHIME
SCHOOL CHIME

COME ON NOW, IT'S TIME YOU WAKE UP.
SWISH
I'VE NOTICED THAT THIS IS YOUR THIRD TIME IN A ROW YOU FELL ASLEEP DURING
IF YOU DON'T TAKE THIS CLASS SERIOUSLY BECAUSE YOU THINK IT'S "JUST MUSIC," IT MIGHT END UP HURTING YOUR GRADE AVERAGE
SLAM
IT'S NOT JUST ME THOUGH.
EXCUSE ME?

SO WHAT'RE YOU RAGGIN' ON ME 'BOUT, HUH?!
THERE ARE A LOT OF GUYS OTHER THAN ME WHO FALL ASLEEP DURING CLASS!
I'M NOT HERE TO LISTEN TO YOUR EX-CUSES!
AND IF I MAY SAY SO, I'D SAY YOU'RE
THE ONE SLEEPING IN CLASS THE MOST!
CLATTER
WHAT'DYA SAY?
TENSE
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
U-Don't back down..
you can't let him win..
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
AND BESIDES, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT OTHER STUDENTS RIGHT NOW WE'RE TALK-ING ABOUT YOU AND YOUR BEHAVIOR.
SO WHAT?! YA LET EVERY-ONE ELSE DO IT!
BUT THE SECOND I DO IT, I GET THE CUT, HUH?!

help me!
COME ON NOW,
HEY?
CHILL, JUST CHILL.
He's frightening...
THEN WHAT?! SO YOU'RE PLAYING FAVOR-ITES?!
GOD, WHAT A FUCKIN' JOKE!
But I can't lose.
Somebody...
Tazaki-san...

!!
YOU'RE IN A BAD MOOD 'CAUSE YOU JUST WOKE UP, AM I RIGHT?
PULLS
WHA?
OR WHAT? YOU SAYING A JUNIOR LIKE YOU WANTS TO START SOMETHING AGAINST A SENIOR LIKE ME?

SLAM
HA, FORGET THIS!
WHAT'S WRONG, KYOUKO-CHAN?
WERE YOU SCARED?
ARE YOU OKAY?
HUH?
.....
I PEEKED IN FOR A SECOND WHEN I SAW YOU TWO IN A FIGHT NOW THAT WAS A SURPRISE!
ARE YOU OKAY?
he he
he he

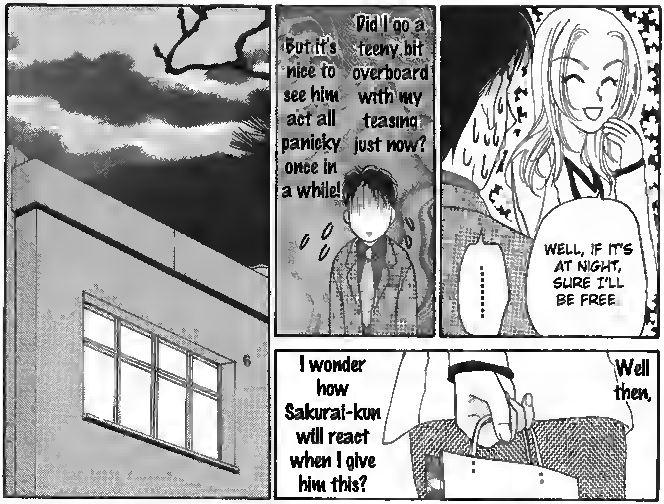
He looked down on me because I'm a woman...
Damn it...
Damn it...
Damn it...
SHAKES
SHAKES
SHAKES
SHAKES
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK YOUR TEARS...
I'M HERE

SCHOOL CHIME
What am I doing crying in the arms of a student like this?
KYOUKO-CHAN?

I'M FINE SEE?
REALLY!
.....
I BOUNCE BACK QUICKLY
CLASSES HAVE STARTED ALREADY, HAVEN'T THEY? YOU SHOULD GO
I-I'M SOR...
THANKS
I'M FINE NOW, REALLY
SAKURAI-KUN
THAN-KS
FOR HELPING ME OUT.

Oh, so he wants chocolates, does he?
He really is still a kid.
NO SWEAT!
WE'LL CALL IT EVEN IF YOU GIVE ME SOME CHOCOLATES FOR VALENTINE'S!
STUNNED
TENSE
HEY, SENSEI?!
For that one instant though,
he seemed as much a man as Tazaki-san.

noise noise
Oh, sho-ot—
Y-YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
WHO YOU GETTING IT FOR?
HAS SAKURAI-SENPAI BEEN COMING TO SCHOOL LATELY?
SENSEI, YOU'RE THE TEACHER FOR GRADE 12, DIV 3, RIGHT?
B-BUT
C'MON, JUST TELL HER!
HMM?
14TH
(WED)
CLASS DUTIES
HINO-SAN,
ARE YOU FREE AFTER THIS?
OH,
WELL...
HUH?
WHAT IS IT?


Did I go a teeny bit overboard with my teasing just now?
But it's nice to see him act all panicky once in a while!
WELL, IF IT'S AT NIGHT, SURE I'LL BE FREE
Well then,
I wonder how Sakurai-kun will react when I give him this?

SHE SEEMS REALLY NICE, TOO I THINK SHE'D BE PERFECT FOR YOU
SHE'S PRETTY CUTE
I OPEN IT?
C-CAN
AH
SURE, GO AHEAD
SLAM
BUT I THINK THAT'S QUITE CHARMING, PERSONALLY, DON'T YOU?
TO THINK SHE WAS TOO EMBARRASSED TO GIVE THAT TO YOU DIRECTLY! IN THIS DAY AND AGE!
HAND IN BY TOMOR

HEY...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
SWISH
THUD

STOP KIDDING AROUND
WHAT...?
LET GO...

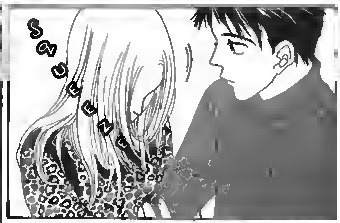
THUD
I'M NOT KIDDING AROUND
WHEN HAVE I EVER SAID I WAS?
FOR THE LONGEST TIME, I'VE—

M
.....
SAKURAI-
KUN!

DAMN IT...
SMACK
....YOU THIS MUCH..
WHY
...

that there was a part of him that was serious about me.
But there was no way I could acknowledge that
I'm a teacher and he's a student. Not only that, but we have a five year age gap between us.
And
Somewhere in my heart
probably knew

.....
I have Tazaki-san..
GOOD WORK TODAY!
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?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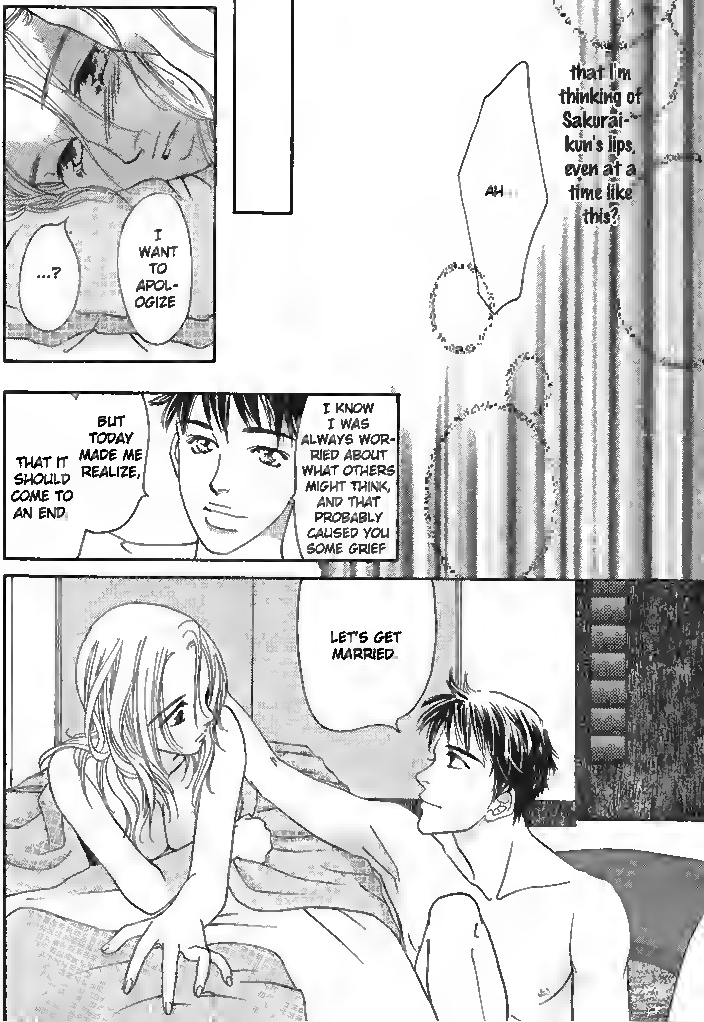
Remember! We're in the school yard!!
WELL, AREN'T WE A BIT BOLD TODAY
I WANT TO GO TO YOUR PLACE.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF PEOPLE SEE US?

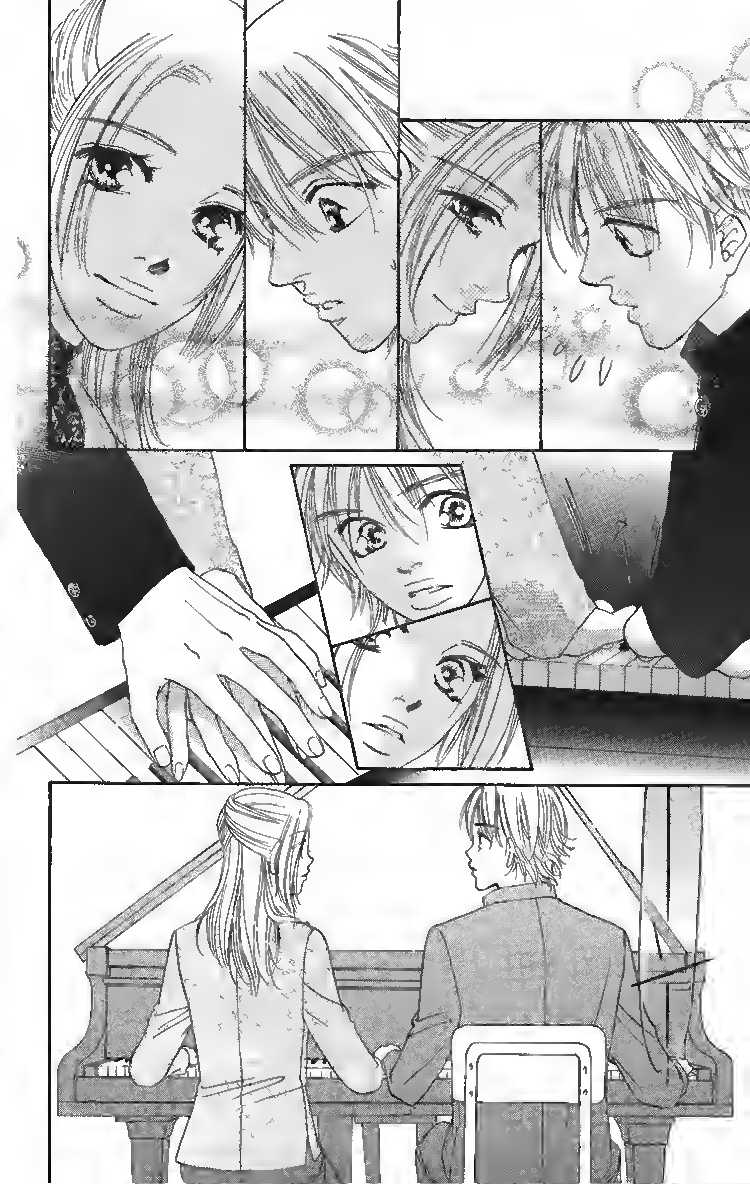
Tazaki-san's kind.
He's mature and understanding
and he doesn't try to force his feelings onto me.
Why is it then...

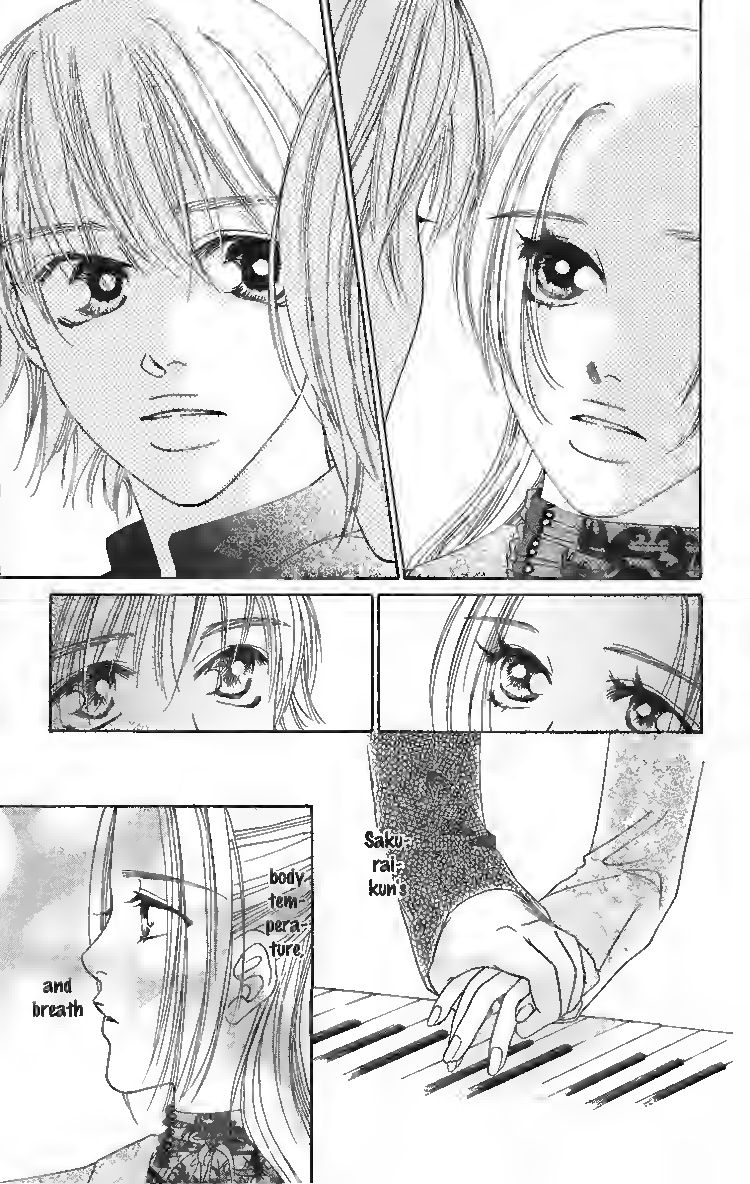

I WANT TO APOLOGIZE
...?
I KNOW I WAS ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT OTHERS MIGHT THINK, AND THAT PROBABLY CAUSED YOU SOME GRIEF.
BUT TODAY MADE ME REALIZE,
THAT IT SHOULD COME TO AN END.
AH...
that I'm thinking of Sakurai-kun's lips, even at a time like this?
LET'S GET MARRIED.

I thought my heart stopped beating for a second there—
YEAH.
Because it felt as if he saw right through me; into the turmoil of emotions I was feeling.
Music Room
.....
With this, I won't have room to wander anymore.
He always cuts right to the chase.
He really is mature.

TIRR
I-I'M
SO
-RRY
ABOUT
YES
TER
DAY~
I ONLY KNOW HOW TO PLAY "CHOPSTICKS."
IT'S WHERE TWO PEOPLE SIT SIDE BY SIDE AND PLAY THE PIANO
"FOUR HANDED"?
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A FOUR-HANDED PERFORMANCE?
See? Everything will turn out okay in the end.

WHOA!
DAMN YOU'RE GOOD!
YOU CAN PLAY WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING DOWN AT YOUR HANDS?
CLICK
WHY, OF COURSE!

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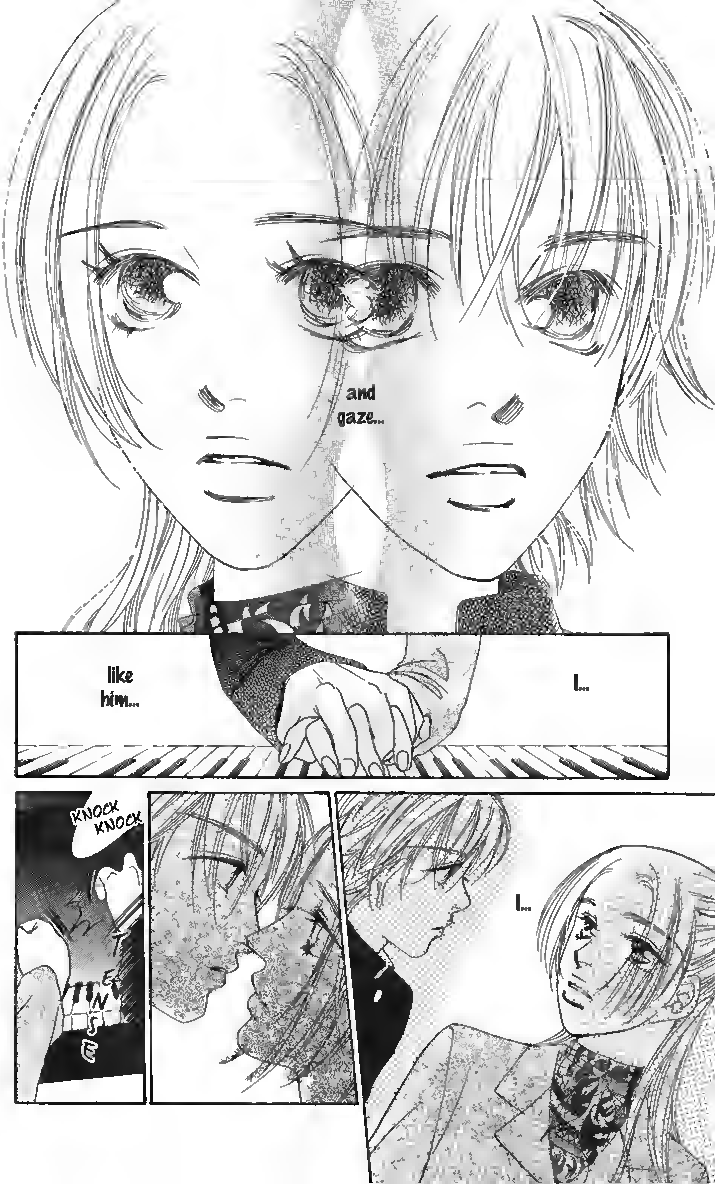
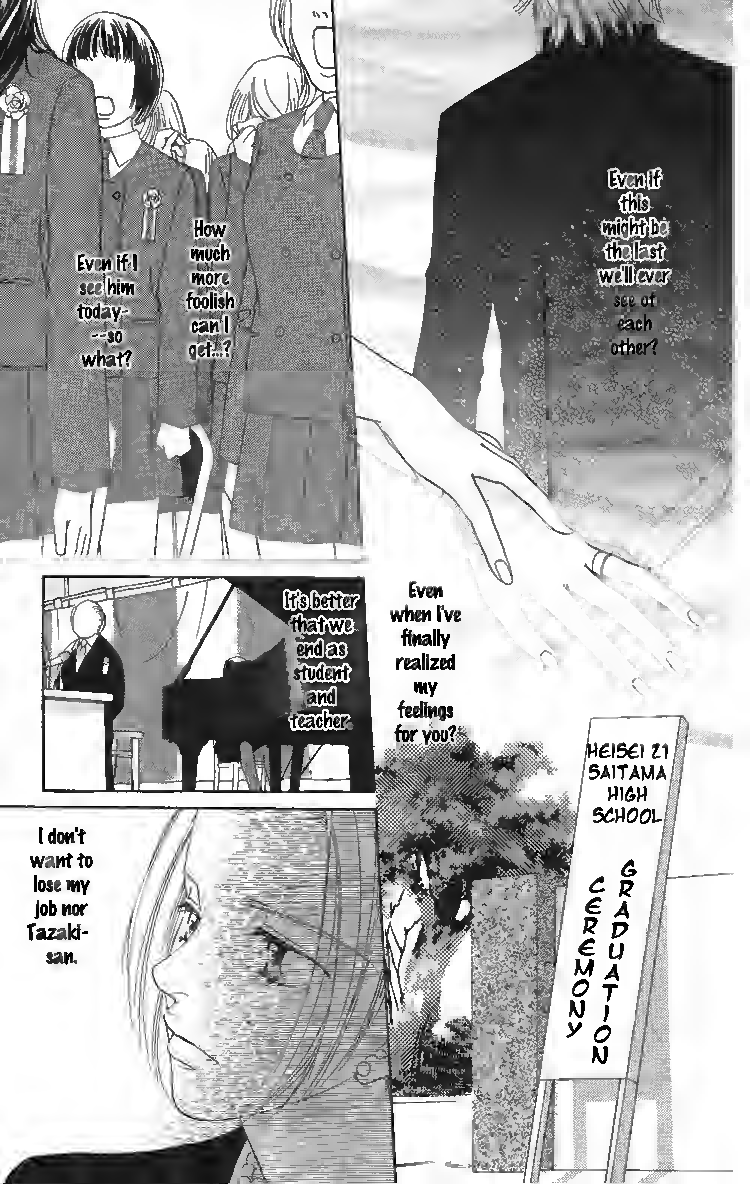
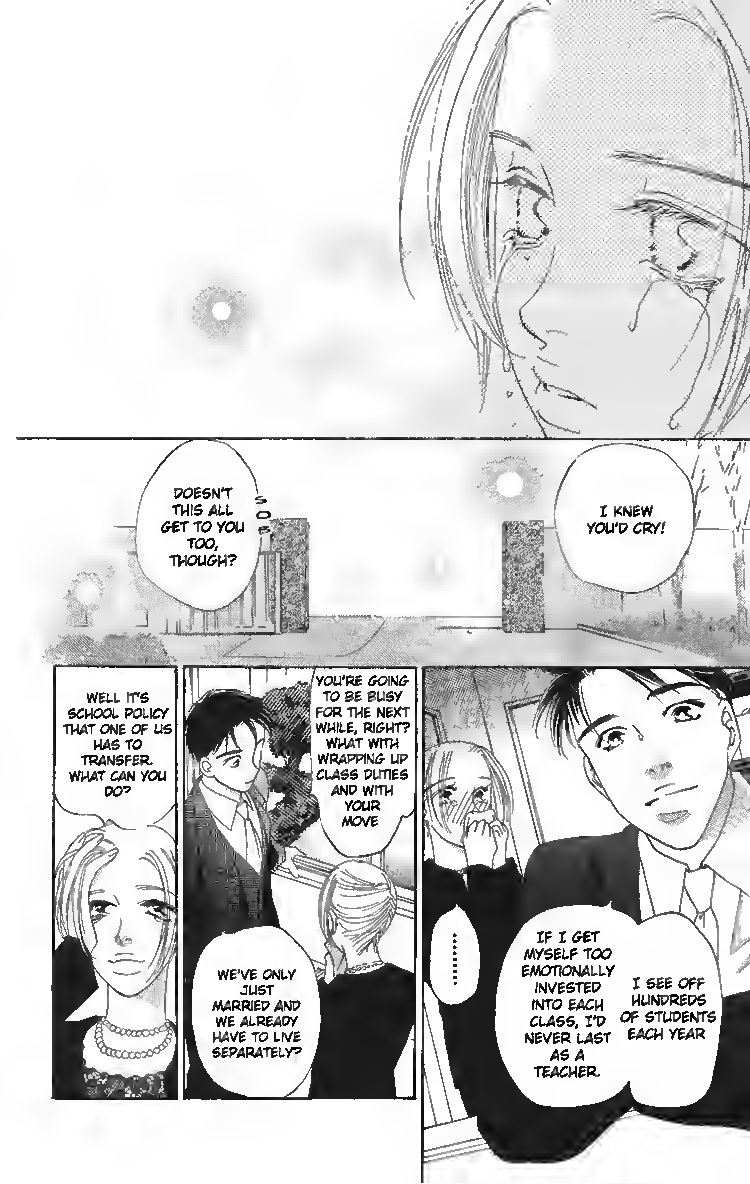

and
gaze...
like
him...
I...
KNOCK
KNOCK
I...

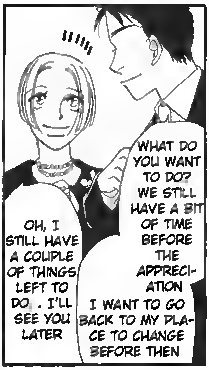
RATTLE
HINO-
IF WE DON'T GET A MOVE ON, THE RESTAURANT'S GOING TO CLOSE.
HEY? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, SAKURA? SORRY, DID I INTERRUPT SOME DEEP CONVERSATION?
NOT REALLY.
WHAT RESTAURANT?
WELL, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU,
THE TWO OF US JUST GOT ENGAGED!
IT'S NOTHING.

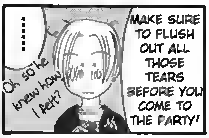
TAZAKI-SAN?
WELL, WHY NOT?
SAKURAI'S NOT THE KIND WHO'LL BLAB TO THE REST OF THE STUDENT BODY.
No...
OH, YOU WON'T BE COMING TO SCHOOL FROM TOMORROW ON BECAUSE YOU'VE FINISHED WITH YOUR CLASSES, RIGHT?
No...
I FORGOT TO ASK--ARE YOU GOING TO COME TO THE GRADUATION?
MY EXAMS OVERLAP WITH THE DATE, SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT--
I didn't want him to know...
HUH,
I HAD NO IDEA.
SO YOU TWO ARE...
OH.
Is that it?

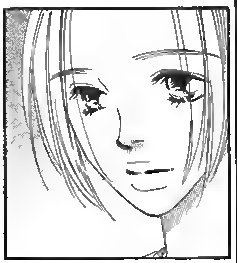

Even if this might be the last we'll ever see of each other?
How much more foolish can I get...?
Even if I see him today--so what?
Even when I've finally realized my feelings for you?
It's better that we end as student and teacher.
I don't want to lose my job nor Tazaki-san.
HEISEI 21 SAITAMA HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION CEREMONY

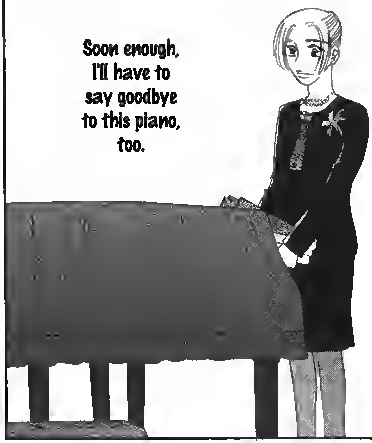

I SEE OFF HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS EACH YEAR
IF I GET MYSELF TOO EMOTIONALLY INVESTED INTO EACH CLASS, I'D NEVER LAST AS A TEACHER.
.....
YOU'RE GOING TO BE BUSY FOR THE NEXT WHILE, RIGHT? WHAT WITH WRAPPING UP CLASS DUTIES AND WITH YOUR MOVE
WE'VE ONLY JUST MARRIED AND WE ALREADY HAVE TO LIVE SEPARATELY?
WELL IT'S SCHOOL POLICY THAT ONE OF US HAS TO TRANSFER. WHAT CAN YOU DO?
SOB
DOESN'T THIS ALL GET TO YOU TOO, THOUGH?
I KNEW YOU'D CRY!

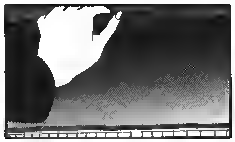
OKAY, SO THESE ARE THE HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFI-CATES AND YEAR-BOOKS OF THOSE 3 WHO COULDN'T COME
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

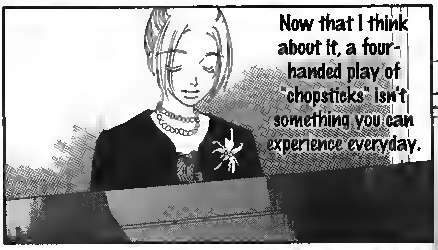

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO? WE STILL HAVE A BIT OF TIME BEFORE THE APPRECI-ATION
I WANT TO GO BACK TO MY PLA-CE TO CHANGE BEFORE THEN
OH, I STILL HAVE A COUPLE OF THINGS LEFT TO DO. . I'LL SEE YOU LATER

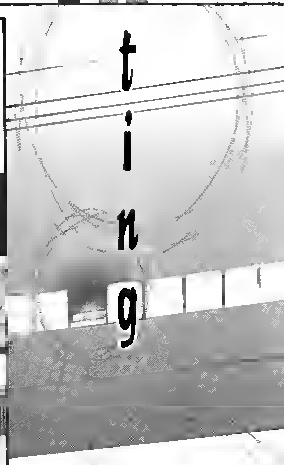

MAKE SURE TO FLUSH OUT ALL THOSE TEARS BEFORE YOU COME TO THE PARTY!
OH, SO HE KNEW HOW I FELT?




Soon enough, I'll have to say goodbye to this piano, too.




Now that I think about it, a four-handed play of "chopsticks" isn't something you can experience everyday.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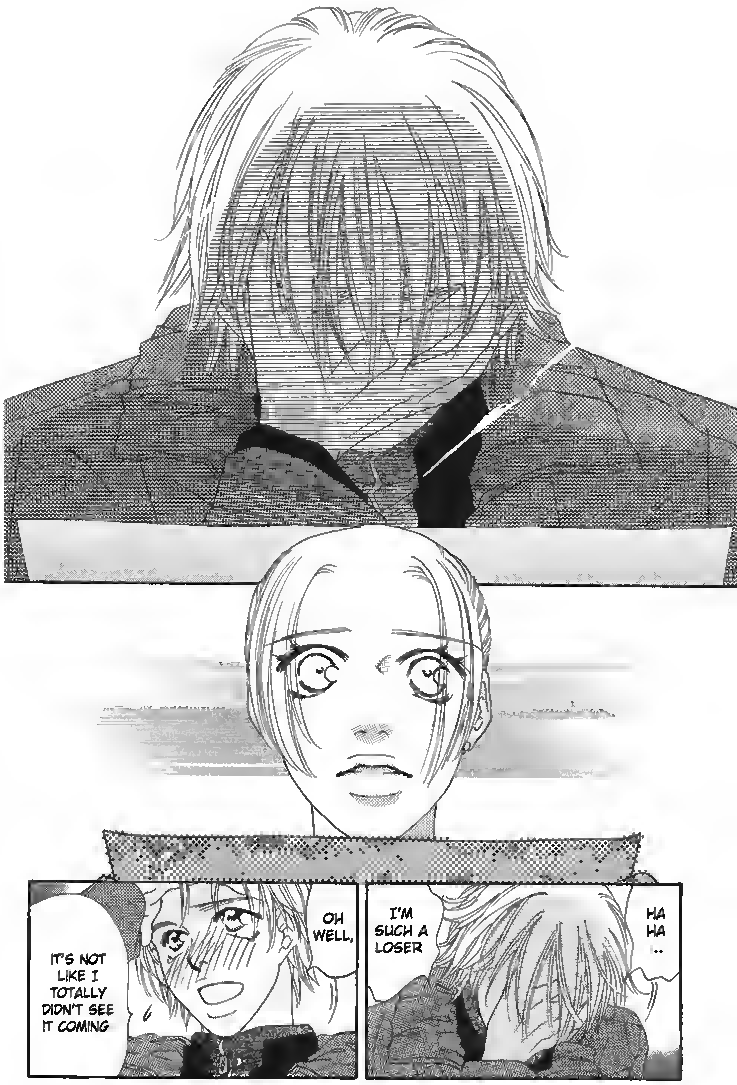
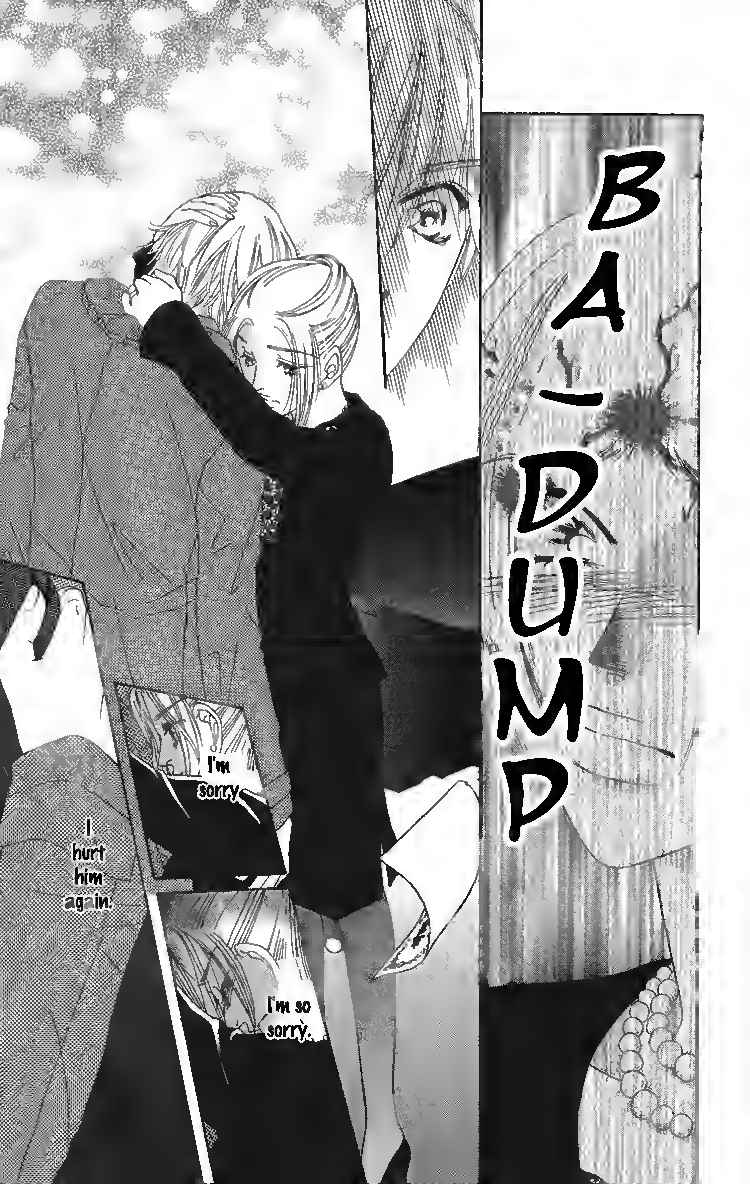
KYOU-KO--CHAN!
!!
.....
CLATTER
KYOU-KO-CHAN!
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE TRANSFER-RING?!
I HEARD THAT WHEN TEACHERS FROM THE SAME SCHOOL GET MARRIED, USUALLY ONE OF THEM TRANSFERS..
SO ARE YOU?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?!

CLANG
.....
IT'S NOT AS IF I WAS HIDING IT...
AND ANYWAY, WHAT WOULD'VE COME OUT OF IT EVEN IF I HAD TOLD YOU?
GREAT TIMING THOUGH.
I HAVE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE AND YEARBOOK RIGHT HERE.

SAKURAI TOSHIKAZU, GRADE 12 DIVISION 3.
THIS CERTIFIES THAT HE HAS COMPLETED THE HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL EDUCATION
This certifies completed the
ON THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH TOCHIGI MUNEHISA, PRINCIPAL
HINO KYOUKO
TEACHER.


HA HA ..
I'M SUCH A LOSER
OH WELL,
IT'S NOT LIKE I TOTALLY DIDN'T SEE IT COMING


BA-DUMP
I'm sorry.
I hurt him again.
I'm so sorry.

ARE YOU TRYING TO CHEER ME UP, KYOUKO-CHAN?
IT'S ABOUT TIME
THAT YOU STOP TREAT-ING ME LIKE A LITTLE KID.
PULLS
SWISH
I'M NOT GOING TO STOP MID-WAY THIS TIME

BA-DUMP
NO, WE CAN'T...
BA-DUMP
I'm trying so hard to put a lid on my feelings...
BA-DUMP
WE CAN'T WHAT?
BA-DUMP
If he touches me though...
I won't be able to hold them back---

AREN'T YOU GOING TO RUN AWAY?

GRABS
AH
AH
AH
---NNN
!

AH
HA...
NN...
This is the face
that I wanted to see

Saku-
rai--
kun
KYOU-
KO-CHAN
AH..
NN.
AH...
AH!
Sakurai-kun
Sakurai-kun
AH
NN
KYOU-
KO--
CHAN
NN
KYOUKO
THUD

CLANG
-HHHA-
pant
pant
pant
(Ha)
(Ha)
(Ha)
Haa—
We're like wild animals...
Why didn't I realize this earlier?
W-WHAT?!
THAT WAS AMAZ-ING

Taboo as it may be, when our bodies joined together, thoughts of that all flew from my mind.
We're just a man and a woman when it comes right down to it.
PLANNING ON MOVING OUT TO LIVE ON MY OWN IF I GET ACCEPTED IN UNIVERSITY
I'M
LET ME GUESS? YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIVING ALONE, TOO?
.....
I'll drown myself in this temptation for many more times to come.
I'm sure that

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THANK [illegible] R READING [illegible] HA [illegible]

[illegible] APTER IS A FREE WORK FROM FANS TO FANS.
[illegible] E SUPPORT THE MANGAKA AND THE
[illegible] LISHER BY BUYING THE ORIGINAL WORK.

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An usual day at Jshoujo's palace.
I WANT MORE MANGA
SHUT UP AND WAIT
WHY ARE YOU TAKING SO LONG?
IT'S A LEECHER
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
JSHOUJO SCANS NEEDS YOU!
WE NEED STAFF!
WHY DON'T THEY HELP US? BY JOINING US OR GETTING OTHERS TO?
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A Secret Cocoon

How quickly time passes by, Tohru.
I turned 20 this year.
I ended up passing your age.
YOU AGAIN, KOTOKO-SAN?

ASAHI!
yawwnns
scratch scratch
YOU SLEPT UNTIL THE AFTERNOON AT YOUR APARTMENT TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
mumble mumble
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE BACK.
DO YOU GET A KICK OUT OF HANGING OUT WITH OLD FOLKS OR WHAT?
WELL, IT IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH, AFTER ALL

Even though Asahi-kun's the same age as me, he adds the polite "-san" to my name.
He never tries to look my way.
It's always from this angle that I see him.
DON'T COME HERE ANYMORE
AND THIS WON'T HELP MY PARENTS HEAL, EITHER
TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, YOU'RE A BOTHER.

If I, his former girlfriend, continue to come and visit...
they'll never be able to get over their dead son. Is that what he's saying?

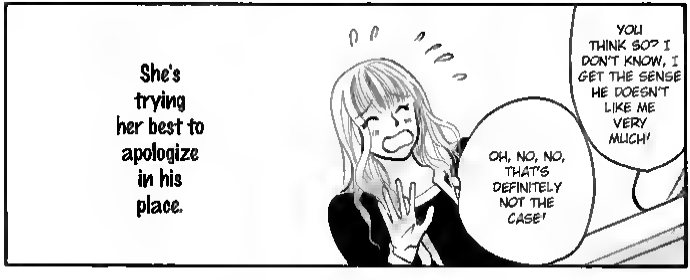
SORRY

he's always kept a distance from me
Oh, so that's why...
Would it really be the best for them if I don't see them anymore...?
HI!
OH...
ARE YOU ASAHI-KUN'S GIRL-FRIEND?!
Ah
I'm a terrible embarrassing
AH, I'M SORRY IT'S JUST... I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU THAT IT ALMOST FELT LIKE I KNEW YOU ALREADY!
HE WAS REALLY DOWN YESTERDAY
LET ME GUESS — ASAHI WAS UP TO NO GOOD AGAIN?
...?

actually pretty cute!!!
She's
I'M HASHINO KANA I'M IN MY FIRST YEAR
DID HE DO ANYTHING?
WELL, NO WONDER HE WANTED TO LIVE SOLO!

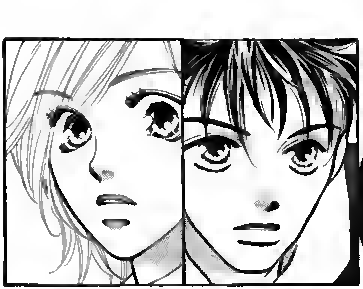
HE SAID HE'S REALLY WORRIED THOUGH, ABOUT HOW YOU'VE KEPT ON WITH YOUR FEELINGS FOR HIS OLDER BROTHER EVEN YEARS AFTER HE PASSED AWAY
ASAHI REALLY LOOKS UP TO YOU, YOU KNOW

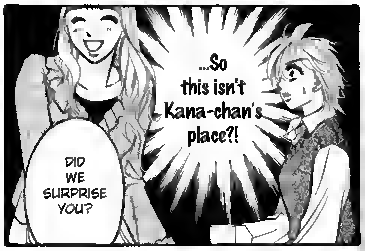
NAH, NOT REALLY
REALLY?


She's trying her best to apologize in his place.
YOU THINK SO? I DON'T KNOW, I GET THE SENSE HE DOESN'T LIKE ME VERY MUCH!
OH, NO, NO, THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE!

She's a really nice girl!
I'M SO ENVIOUS THAT YOU'RE LIVING BY YOURSELF!
I'D LIKE TO BE OFF ON MY OWN, TOO.
YOU SHOULD THEN! IT'S REALLY NICE TO HAVE YOUR OWN PLACE
CLICK
COME ON IN!
Well I guess I shouldn't be surprised
They're going out, so it's not surprising for him to leave a pair of shoes here.
Is that Asahi-kun's...?

THIS ROOM'S A BIT DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I IMAGINED YOUR ROOM TO BE LIKE.
OH, SO WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
WHY DON'T WE SETTLE DOWN AND RELAX A BIT FIRST?
sit sit
HEY?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE.
CLICK CLICK




...So this isn't Kana-chan's place?!
DID WE SURPRISE YOU?

S-SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS YOUR PLACE...
UM...
LONG TIME NO SEE.

du np
ba-

IF I DIDN'T DO THIS THOUGH, THERE'S NO WAY YOU WOULD'VE SEEN HER, AM I RIGHT?

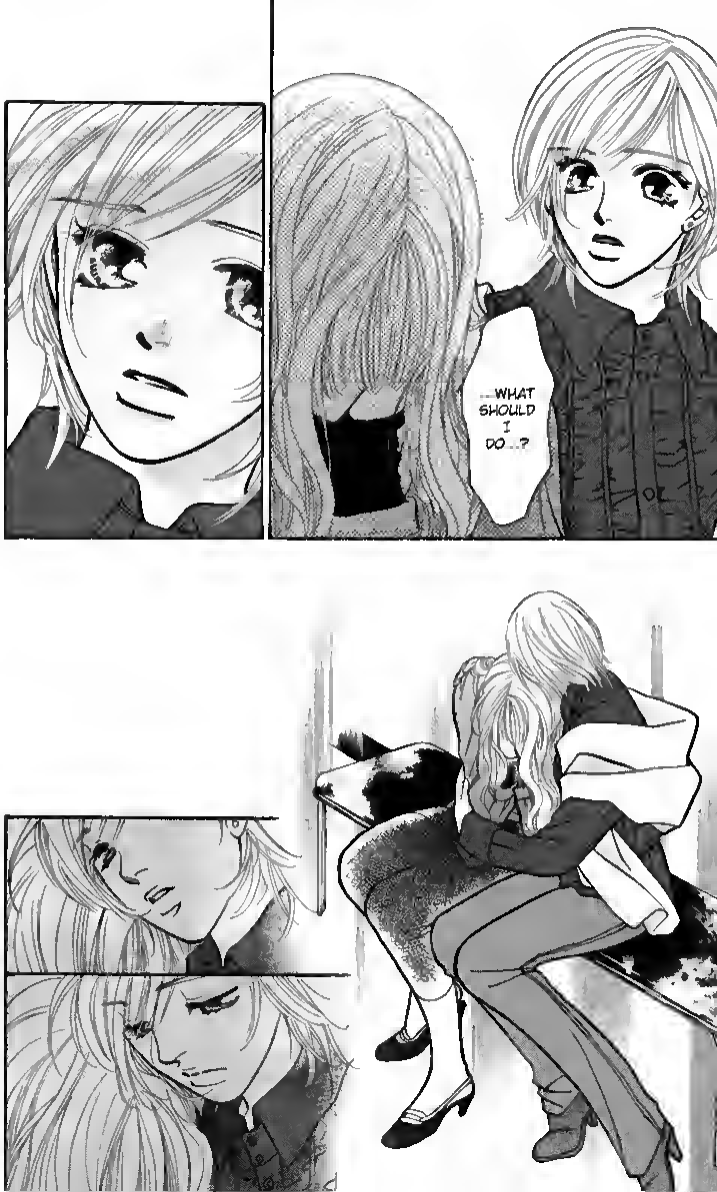
WHY DID YOU BRING HER HERE?!
WHAT IS THIS?!
DASH
ES
YOU GUYS SHOULD PATCH THINGS UP!
WHO ASKED YOU TO DO THIS,
HUH?!

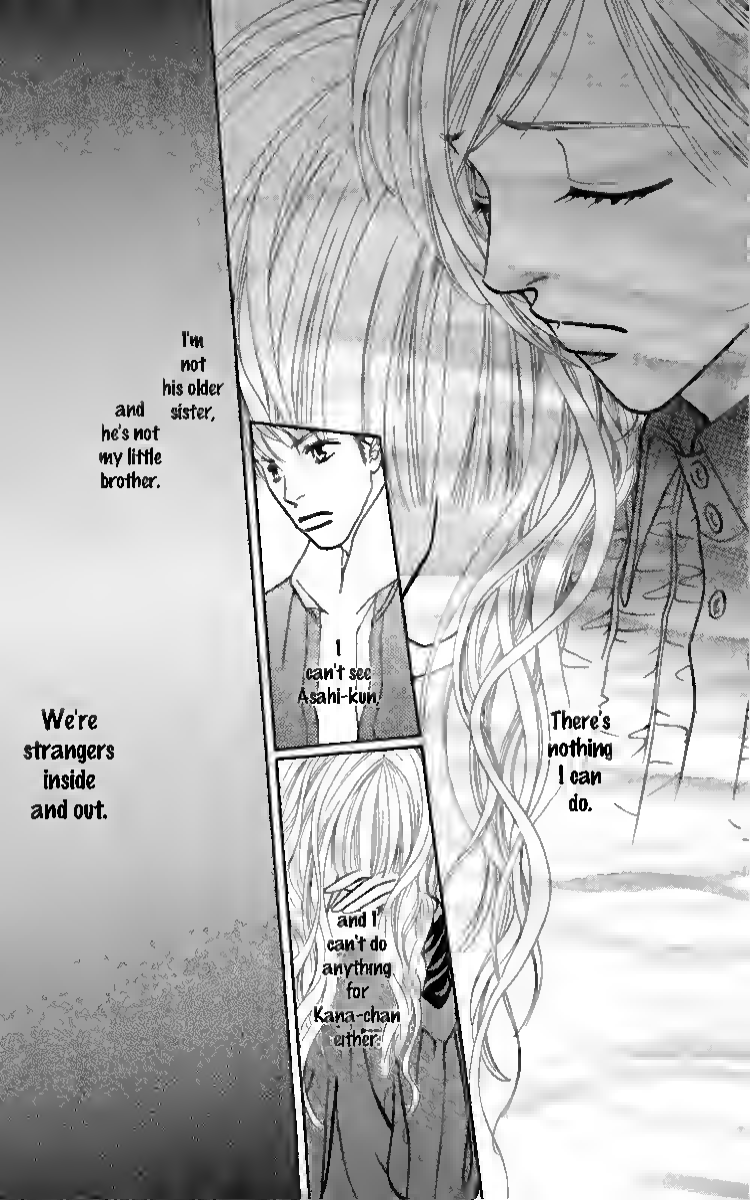
HOW COULD YOU, ASAHI!
I'm such a fool.
What was it that I was hoping for in that split second?

even then... I was so happy to be able to see him...
He wants to cut all ties with me...
I was really happy.
I finally saw him again...
WAHH-HH~

He lives in that room.
SORRY ABOUT THE OTHER DAY...
I'LL MAKE SURE HE APOLOGIZES THE NEXT TIME YOU GUYS SEE EACH OTHER!
AH!
O-OH, WAS EVERYTHING OKAY AFTER I LEFT? HE LOOKED PRETTY UPSET!
NO SWEAT
I COMPLETELY FORGOT...
I WAS A BIT DISAPPOINTED I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU AND GET SOME ADVICE THOUGH...
I THINK I'M PREGNANT...
OH, RIGHT! WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
WELL...

What the hell?!
BECAUSE YOU KNOW, WHEN I COUNT UP THE DAYS〜
HAVE YOU TOLD ASAHI-KUN YET? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT...?


...WHAT SHOULD I DO...?


I'm not his older sister,
and he's not my little brother.
We're strangers inside and out.
I can't see Asahi-kun,
and I can't do anything for Kana-chan either.
There's nothing I can do.

This is the person Asahi-kun cares for...

I like... Asahi-kun.
CHEERS!

He reminds me a bit of Tohru
TOILET
HASN'T IT BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU JOINED US FOR A DRINKING PARTY?
OH, HAS IT BEEN THAT LONG?

It's time I moved on
WHY DON'T WE BLOW THIS JOINT?
tap
tap

The jaw line resembles his...
his voice is a bit different though...
Squeeze
It wasn't Tohru I was comparing him to.
Swish

Why though?
Why does it have to be
those hands...
I want those hands... that hesitated before pulling back
YOU KNOW, WE SHOULDN'T CALL YOU TO ANYMORE OF OUR DRINKING PARTIES!
YOU'RE ALWAYS SUCH A WET BLANKET WHEN IT COMES TO STUFF LIKE THIS

I'M SORRY. I REALLY AM
SIGH
HOW MANY HAVE YOU BEEN TO? 3? 5?
USUALLY YOU'D HOOK UP WITH AT LEAST ONE GUY IF YOU ATTENDED THAT MANY!
Maybe she didn't realize it was me?
At any rate, her pregnancy isn't exactly something fit to talk about in the open in a place like this...
Well, I've been going to a couple of drinking parties lately so we hadn't been exchanging texts that much.
ding
letter

CREAK
YEAH, I HAVE ONE!
I'M GOING TO THROW IT IN—!

HAVE YOU TOLD ASAHI-KUN ?
SO IT JUST ENDED UP COMING A LITTLE LATER THAN USUAL? THAT'S GREAT.
WHY DON'T YOU TELL HIM?

Why did she...
maybe it's just because she'd been feeling a lot of stress lately because of it?
beep beep

Asahi-kun!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU KNEW MY NUMBER.
KANA TOLD ME WAY BACK
DID YOU GUYS HAVE A FIGHT OR WHAT? SHE TOLD ME NOT TO SEE YOU ANYMORE
A FIGHT? WELL, NOT REALLY...
IS THAT WHY YOU CALLED ME OUT HERE?
NO,
IT'S TO BUY A RING.

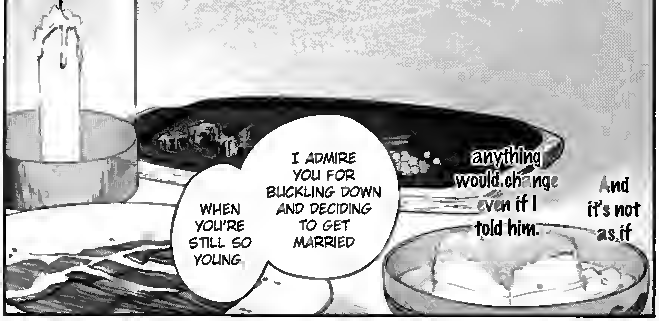
Yuki
So, he doesn't know yet...!
Why, Kana-chan?
Why haven't you...
WHOA, THESE ARE EXPENSIVE!
I GUESS MY BUDGET OF 2K $ NOT GOING TO GET ME FAR.
BUT THAT WAS ALL I COULD GET FOR MY BIKE.
YOU SOLD IT?
DIDN'T SHE TELL YOU?
SHE'S PREGNANT.

WELL, I COULDN'T EXACTLY HAVE MY PARENTS FOOT THE BILL, NOW CAN I?
HUH?
DO YOU KNOW WHICH SIZE YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE?
What should I do?
I-IF YOU DON'T KNOW HER SIZE THEN YOU SHOULDN'T BUY ANYTHING TODAY! SO LET'S GO HOME!
UH, BUT...
YOU SHOULD PASS FOR TODAY. TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!
What should I do?
Should I tell him?

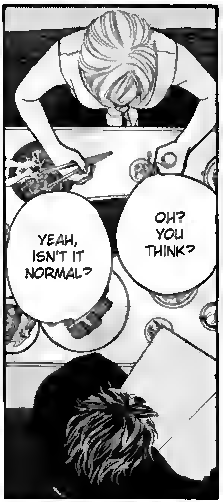
PULLS
I'M SURE HER FINGER'S NOT THAT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM YOURS

I like him.
His hand feels much warmer than mine.
His long, tapered fingers
that fit perfectly with mine.
Asahi-kun!
I love him!
His gentle grasp...
I want to make these hands mine...
ASAHI-KUN,
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH---

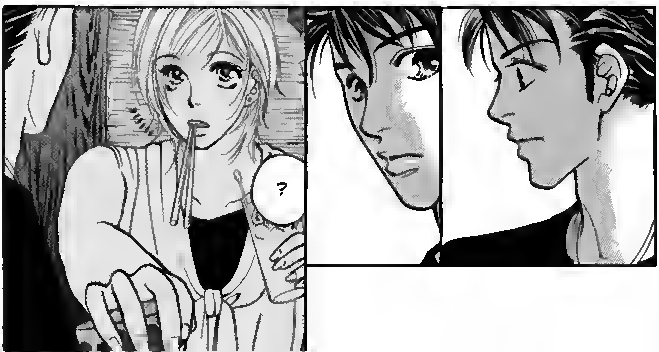
HUH?
OR DO YOU THINK KANA DOESN'T GO FOR RINGS LIKE THIS?
What was I!
Well, that's a no brainer, since he cares about her.
He trusts her.
This isn't for me to say.


I ADMIRE YOU FOR BUCKLING DOWN AND DECIDING TO GET MARRIED
WHEN YOU'RE STILL SO YOUNG
anything would change even if I told him.
And it's not as if

Well, logically speaking, yeah I guess that makes sense...
OH.
SO IT'S NORMAL HUH?
HUH...
but Tohru and I never went that far


OH? YOU THINK?
YEAH, ISN'T IT NORMAL?

WELL, IF YOU LOOK AT IT, SEEING AS HOW WE WERE GOING OUT, THIS IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD'VE KINDA SEEN COMING, YOU KNOW?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What?
He never even tried to look my way before, so why now?

I'm so happy!
We've never gotten along this well...
YOU'RE SUCH A LOSER, YOU LAZY DRUNK!
WA HA HAHA HA!
ถุกๆ
DON'T LAUGH!
Before he pulls his hand back.
Hurry
Hurry

SQUEEEEEEEEE
Asahi-kun...

I'm sorry, Kana-chan.
C'MON, HURRY UP AND HOP ON, FATTY.
Pat pat
Pal's Back
"
It'll just be for today.
Please just forgive this moment of weakness of mine.
It'll be just for today.
It'll be just until we reach my home.

!!
?!
GRABS

KYA!
KANA?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SHE TOLD YOU, DIDN'T SHE?!
THERE'S NO WAY SHE WOULDN'T HAVE TOLD YOU!

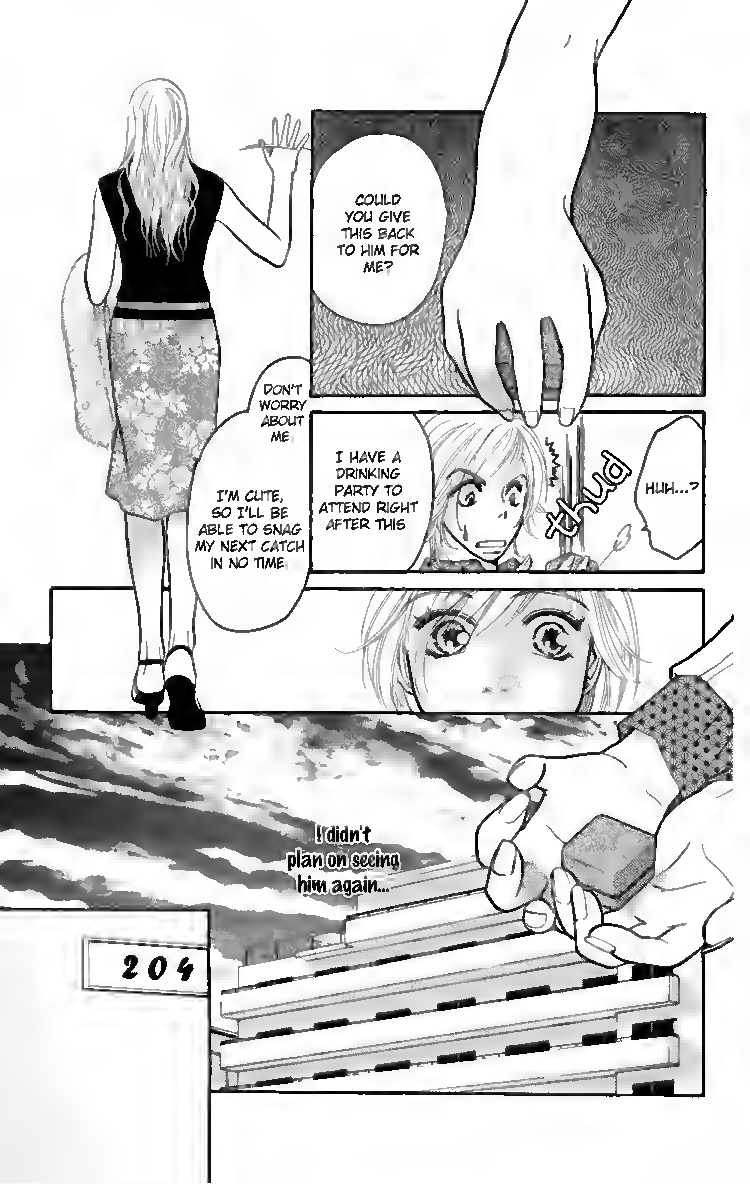
I TOLD YOU NOT TO SEE HER ANYMORE
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY
she's got it all wrong. I didn't tell him.
No,
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
I didn't tell him, Kana-chan.
I WENT TO BUY THIS TODAY!
THUD

WAHHH-HHH
UU...
UU...
UU...
I WAS NEVER PREGNANT...
ASAHI, YOU IDIOT...
I NEVER TOLD YOU TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

HUH?
HOLD ON JUST SEC.
WHAT?
I COULDN'T TELL YOU THAT!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME. HOW COULD YOU HAVE—
YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL, DO YOU?!
WHY CAN'T YOU ONLY FOCUS ON ME?!
WHY WON'T YOU TELL ME THAT YOU LOVE ME,
AND WHY WON'T YOU LOOK MY WAY?!

SLAP
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST FORGET ABOUT HER AND—

There's no way I could come between them when they're able to be so open with their feelings with each other like that.
Everything will turn out okay in the end.
It took me three years, but I was able to get over Tohru
So I'll be able to forget about him, too.


COULD YOU GIVE THIS BACK TO HIM FOR ME?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
I'M CUTE, SO I'LL BE ABLE TO SNAG MY NEXT CATCH IN NO TIME
I HAVE A DRINKING PARTY TO ATTEND RIGHT AFTER THIS
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HUH...?
I didn't plan on seeing him again...
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Maybe I should just put this in his post...?
or I could just ask his parents to pass it onto him
IT'S OPEN
IS SOMEONE THERE?
What a weak will that I have,
to give in just after hearing his voice like this...

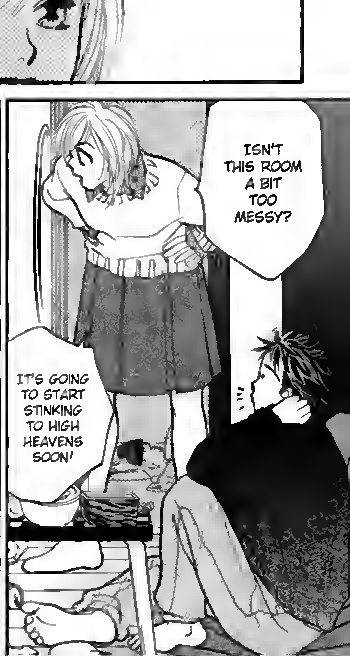
HEY...
SHE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU BACK THE RING...
OH...
I didn't know he was in such a mess...
DID KANA SAY ANYTHING?

...IS THAT RIGHT?
WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF.

NO, NOTHING REALLY...
SHE SEEMED TO BE DOING PRETTY WELL.

KOTOKO-CHAN

IT'S SO MESSY
...HOW...


ISN'T THIS ROOM A BIT TOO MESSY?
IT'S GOING TO START STINKING TO HIGH HEAVENS SOON!

I
LIKE
YOU.

He's curled-up into a small ball,
almost like a little kid would
sniff

I...
LIKE
YOU, TOO
FOR YOUR KINDNESS
THANKS
YEAH

CLANK
?!
CLANK
STO—
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
CLANK

I—
WAS SERIOUS WHEN I SAID IT AND YOU...
Why won't he get it?
Why
won't he realize
how I feel about him?
I care about him...
that's all it is, and yet...
THUD

I'M SUCH A LOSER...

I'M SO NERVOUS...
THAT I'M SHAKING...
NO, I'M HAPPY.
There's nothing separating us anymore.
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other than the 3 letters he's adding at the end of my name.

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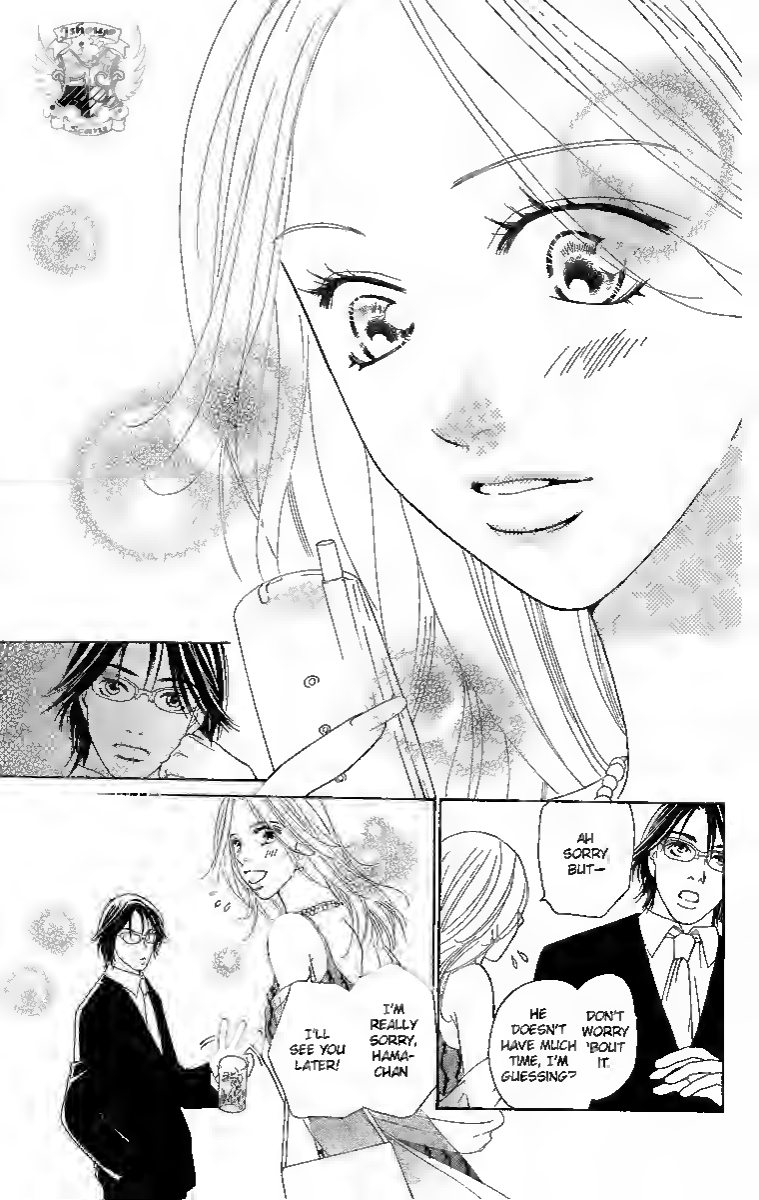
HEY, THAT ACTUALLY LOOKS PRETTY GOOD
MAHO, YOU'VE GOTTEN BETTER AT USING THE VIDEO CAMERA, I SEE?
AND AS FOR YOU, YOUR SPEECH WASN'T HALFWAY BAD, HAMA-CHAN
YOU THINK?
YA BETTER RECOGNIZE ANYWAY HE LOOKED LIKE A PRETTY NICE GUY

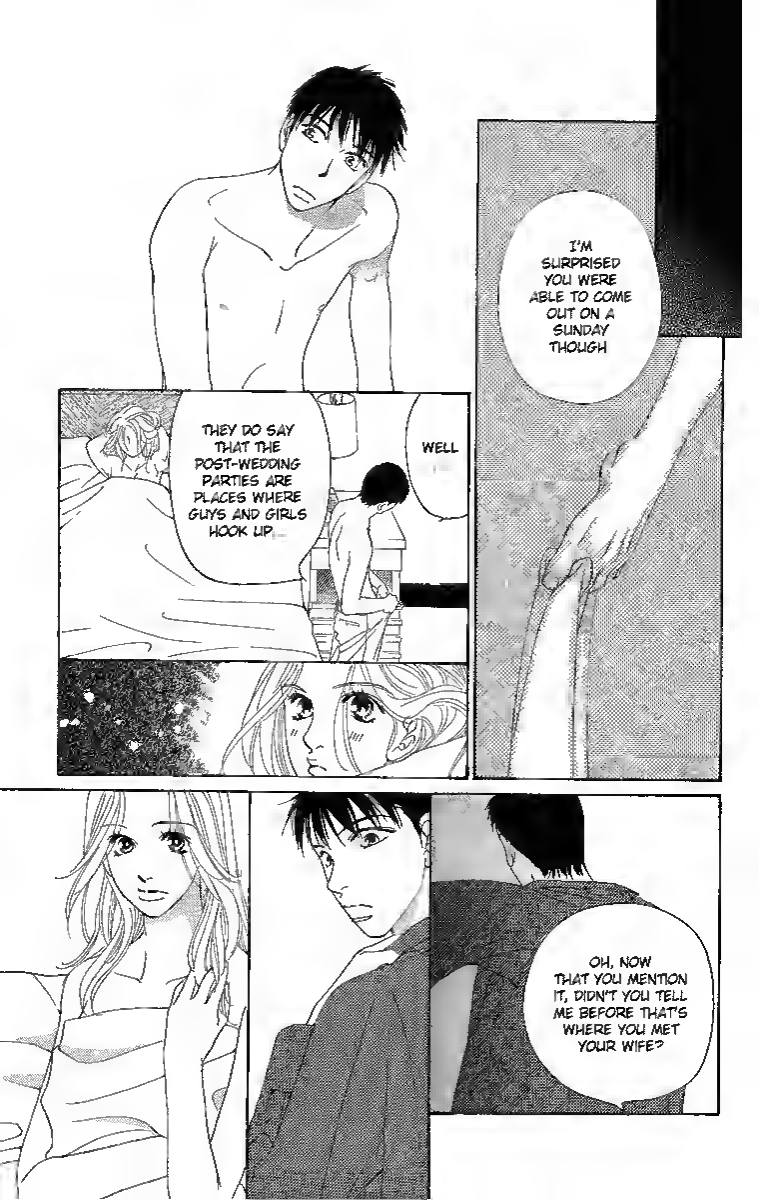
HAHA, BURN~
KNOWING REIKO THOUGH, THEY MIGHT ALREADY BE ON THEIR WAY DOWN A DIVORCE.
WHAT?
NAH, I WAS JUST SURPRISED HEARING THAT FROM YOU.
WHY?
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT THOUGH
THAT SHE ENDED UP GETTING MARRIED BEFORE ME

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK. THIS IS ME YOU'RE TALKING TO HERE
"BECAUSE YOU'RE HAVING AN AFFAIR"?
"BECAUSE YOU SEEM SO FOCUSED ON WORK RIGHT NOW"?
BEEP BEEP
IT'S JUST THAT IN MY CASE, IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT I SEE COMING ANY TIME SOON
IT'S NOT AS IF I DECIDED TO NEVER GET MARRIED.


I'M REALLY SORRY, HAMA-CHAN
I'LL SEE YOU LATER!
AH SORRY, BUT—
DON'T WORRY 'BOUT IT.
HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME, I'M GUESSING?

WOW! YOU HAVE YOUR HAIR DOWN. IT LOOKS SO CUTE!
TANIGA-WA-SAN!
Hurry!
Hurry!
SO WHAT? YOU ACTUALLY ENDED UP ATTENDING THE WEDDING?
HUH?
DOES IT LOOK WEIRD?
HAVE YOU NO COMMON SENSE?

YOU KNOW, YOU CAN BE REALLY CORNY-
CHU
!
WHAT'S THE USE IN YOU BEING PRETTIER THAN THE BRIDE?
THAT'S ME.
.....
SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME
I TOLD HER THAT I FORGOT SOMETHING DOWN AT THE COMPANY


I'M SURPRISED YOU WERE ABLE TO COME OUT ON A SUNDAY THOUGH
WELL...
THEY DO SAY THAT THE POST-WEDDING PARTIES ARE PLACES WHERE GUYS AND GIRLS HOOK UP...
OH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, DIDN'T YOU TELL ME BEFORE THAT'S WHERE YOU MET YOUR WIFE?

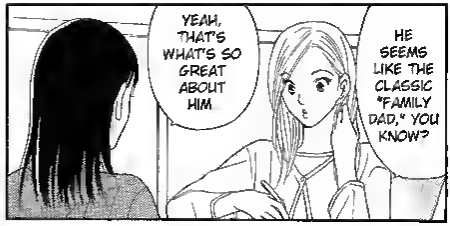
OH, I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING MEAN BY IT
I KNOW.
THIS IS WHY I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT ALMOST ANYTHING, MAHO.
YOU'RE SO DIFFERENT FROM MY WIFE.
TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I DON'T LOVE MY WIFE.
THAT'S WHY WE HAVEN'T EVEN SLEPT TOGETHER IN THE LONGEST TIME
WOW, I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF SHE CAME AT YOU WITH A KNIFE ONE OF THESE DAYS.
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, BECAUSE I'M A GOOD DAD.
I DO MY BEST AS A FATHER.

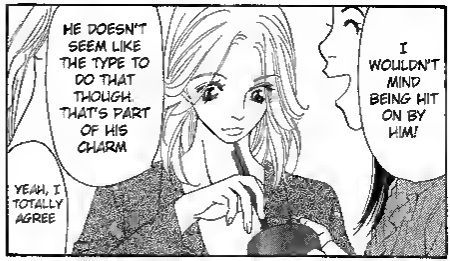
I KNOW-
YOU HAVE TO GO OR ELSE SHE'LL START SUSPECTING SOMETHING, RIGHT?

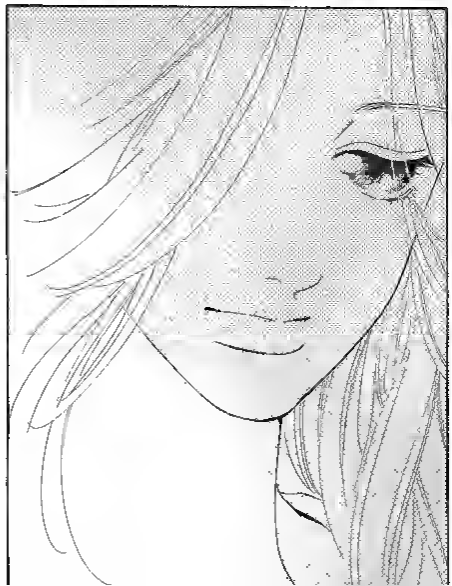
A wife who's tying him down with a child.
I can't say I don't feel a bit sorry for her,
but I feel a lot sorrier for Tanigawa-san, who's being tied down like this.
LIVAVE
HOUSING
SLOW

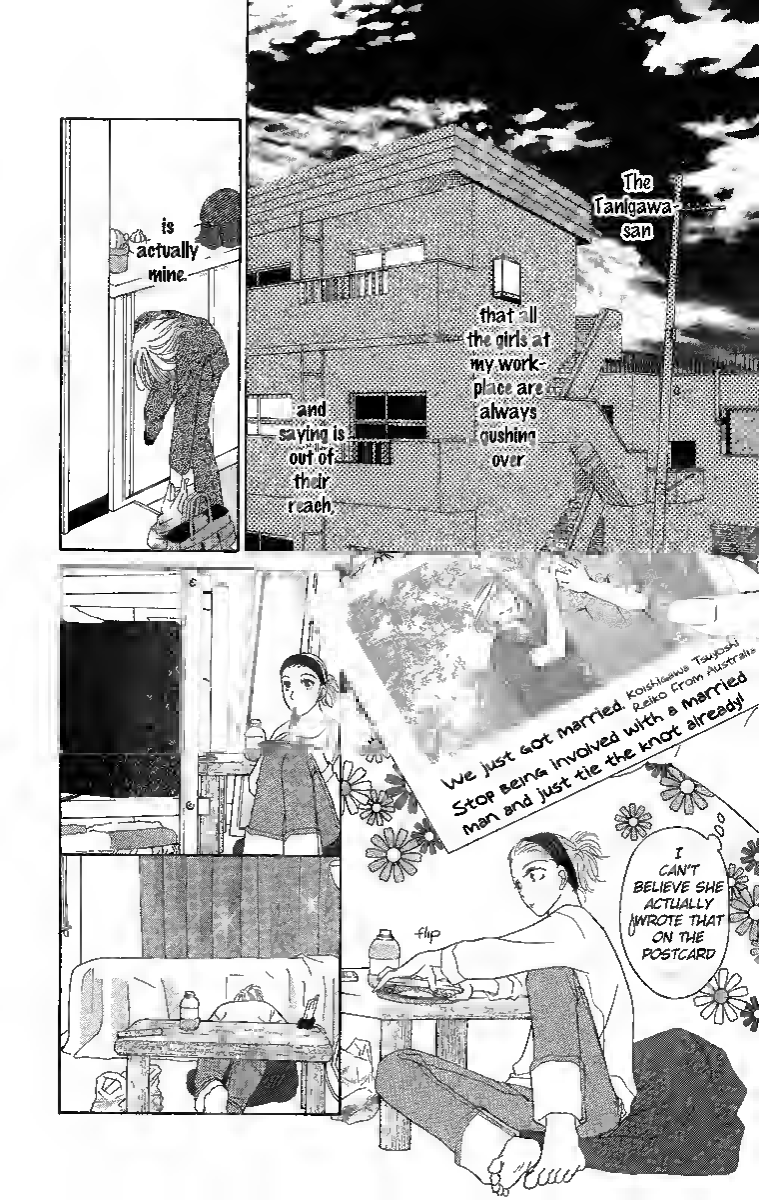
Pick
Pick
Pick
Miles...
S...
I'm going to kill him!
THAT NOSE-PICKING ASSHOLE!
YOU LOOK ANGRY
THUD
THUD
THUD
WHY DON'T YOU LOOSEN UP?
THAT'S CALLED SEXUAL HARASSMENT, TANIGAWA-SAN

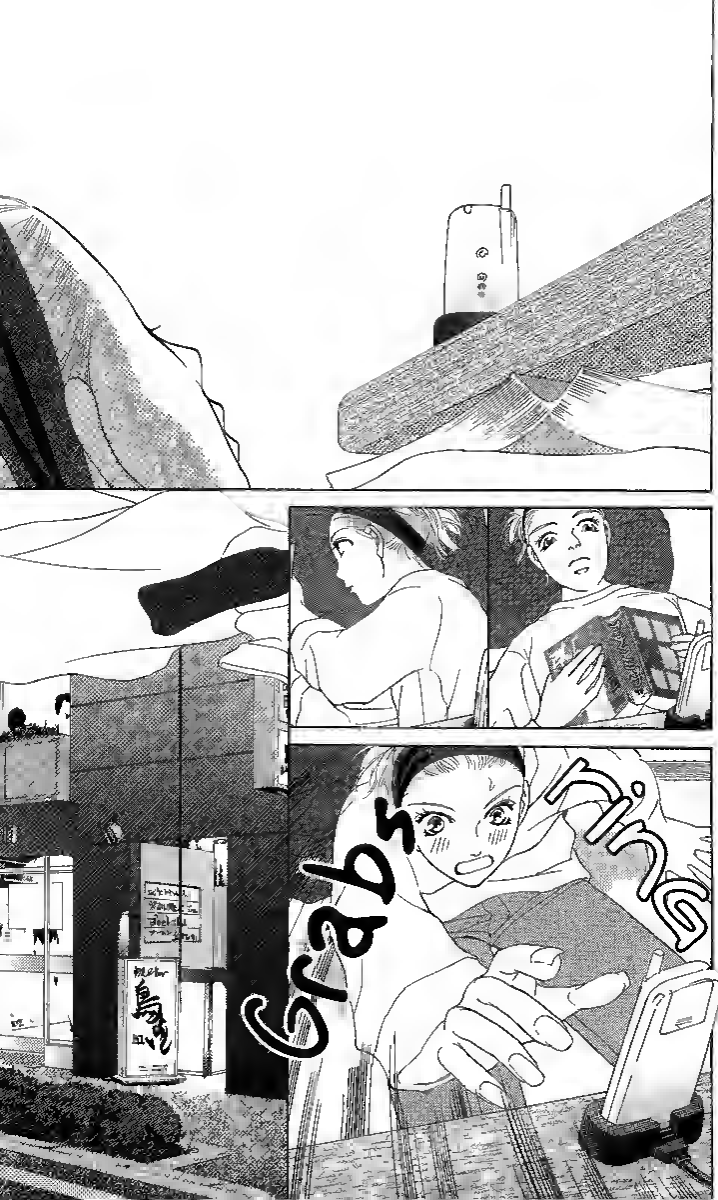
AH AH AHA.
HUH?
!
pit pat pit pat
IT'S A HARSH WORLD WE LIVE IN THESE DAYS, TANIGAWA-KUN.
EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING IT OUT OF KINDNESS, THEY'RE QUICK TO PLAY THAT CARD
I'D SAY THAT OLD GEEZER'S NOSE-PICKING WAYS IS MORE OF A SEXUAL HARRASSMENT THAN AN INNOCENT SHOULDER MASSAGE ANY DAY!
TANIGAWA-SAN ON THE OTHER HAND, IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT STORY.
YEAH, AND HE'S ALWAYS COMING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ONE THING OR ANOTHER.
HE THINKS THAT THE WOMEN SHOULD ONLY BE REFILLING HIS TEA!


HE SEEMS LIKE THE CLASSIC "FAMILY DAD," YOU KNOW?
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT HIM


I WOULDN'T MIND BEING HIT ON BY HIM!
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE TO DO THAT THOUGH. THAT'S PART OF HIS CHARM
YEAH, I TOTALLY AGREE




The Tanigawa-san
that all the girls at my work-place are always oushima over
and saying is out of their reach
is actually mine.
We just got married. Koishikawa Tsujodai Reiko from Australia
Stop being involved with a married man and just tie the knot already!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE ACTUALLY WROTE THAT ON THE POSTCARD
flip


grabs
ring

NO I WAS AWAKE
WERE YOU ASLEEP?
Your hair's a bird's nest
YOU DID ANSWER THE PHONE PRETTY QUICK.
Oh, yeah.
YOU SHOULD STOP ANSWERING THE PHONE WITH AN "OH, IT'S JUST YOU," THOUGH IT'S REALLY HURTFUL, YOU KNOW.
WELL, IF IT'S JUST YOU, HAMA-CHAN~~
Why? All I'm doing is having a meal with you.
Why don't you put it down through that hair?
SO WHAT, WERE YOU WAITING THE WHOOOLLE DAY FOR YOUR BELOVED TANIGAWA-SAN?
UGH...
DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT!
I NEVER THOUGHT MYSELF THE TYPE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
I DON'T KNOW WHY-

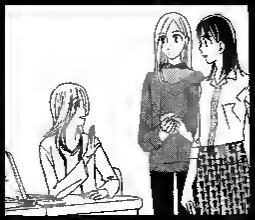
BUT MAYBE THIS IS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE IN LOVE?
I DON'T THINK I'M BEING COVETOUS
BUT WHEN I'M AT HOME JUST EATING DINNER AND STARING AT THE TV
I SUDDENLY WISH HE COULD BE THERE. THAT'S NORMAL THOUGH, ISN'T IT?
OR IS THAT A LUXURY?
CLICK
IN MY CASE, THAT PLUS SEX IS PRETTY MUCH THE BEST THAT LIFE HAS TO OFFER
AHAHA. HAMA-CHAN DON'T RUIN IT!

IF YOU'RE SO SICK AND TIRED OF IT THEN, WHY NOT JUST QUIT?
THAT'S NOT IT THOUGH! IT'S NOT THAT I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THIS.
TANIGAWA-SAN'S REALLY KIND, AND HE DOES HIS BEST TO MAKE TIME FOR ME!
WELL, MAYBE IT'S TIME I GET GOING—
WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO GET ACROSS?
WHAT?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ANYONE TO EAT DINNER WITH, DO YOU?!
I DON'T WANT TO BE TOLD THAT BY YOU
WELL, JUST IN CASE, YOU KNOW?
clank clank
YOU HAVE TO GET BACK TO WORK RIGHT?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SEE ME HOME
I wanted for a bit but I have to get back so I'll leave for today
Tanigawa
OH NO~
WE WENT TO A RESTAURANT UNDER-GROUND SO MY CELL PHONE MUST'VE NOT .
UGH, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

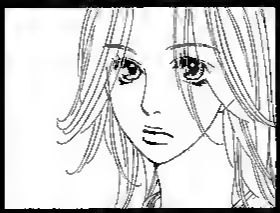
UGHHH~
TALK ABOUT BAD TIMING~
WELL MAYBE IT WAS BETTER THIS WAY?
HE PROBABLY JUST CAME TO HAVE SEX WITH YOU ANYWAY
HEY... HAMA-CHAN!
HE'S JUST USING YOU. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO REALIZE THAT?

SORRY,
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT

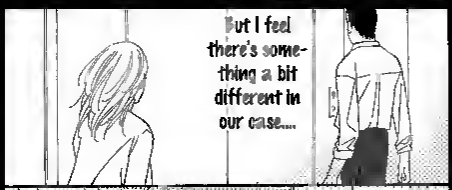


I don't want Tanigawa-san to go so far as to throw away his family to be with me.

It might be the case that we're just both using each other.



But I feel there's something a bit different in our case....



We care about each other,

and we can only meet when it's convenient-

how is that different from any other couple?

ah,

pant

That's right.

AH
CAN'T SEE YOUR FACE
I
NNN
AH
AH
SHH
YOUR VOICE IS GOING TO ECHO-
I-
I LOVE YOU

HEY TANIGAWA-KUN, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAND?
Pant
Pant
Pant
This is just an office romance like any other, right?
LET ME GUESS, YOU GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH YOUR WIFE?
I WONDER IF THAT'S TRUE?
SLAP
I WAS PLAYING WITH MY DAUGHTER, AND SHE ACCIDENTALLY BIT IT.

HEY.
walks around
HEY!
SLAP
tug tug
IS THIS YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
NO!
WE'RE SO JEAL-OUS!
HE CAME TO PICK YOU UP?

WHAT?
Ugh!
ARE YOU TRYING TO PISS ME OFF?
I DID COME HERE TO APOLOGIZE, BUT NOW?
WELL~
I'M JUST KIDDING

Perhaps he... misunder-stood...?

SHOOT, I SAW HIM
MY IMAGINATION'S RUNNING IN A BAD DIRECTION-
YOU AND THAT GUY BEING IN A COMPROMISING SITUATION
?
FORGET
THIS.
I'M NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE.

FORGET THAT ASSHOLE,
AND GO OUT WITH ME.

Reiko
Reiko
"I'll be gone on a business trip from tomorrow for two days, so give me your reply then."
Why did you have to go away on a honeymoon now of all times?
I've never thought of Hama-chan in that light.
What should I do?
TENSE
RING RING

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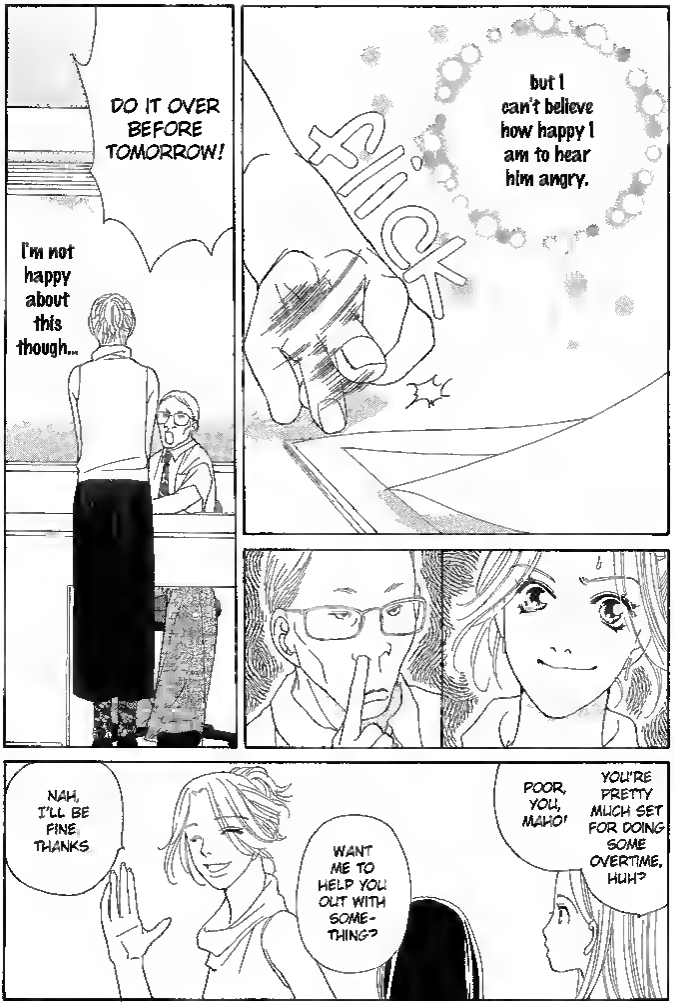
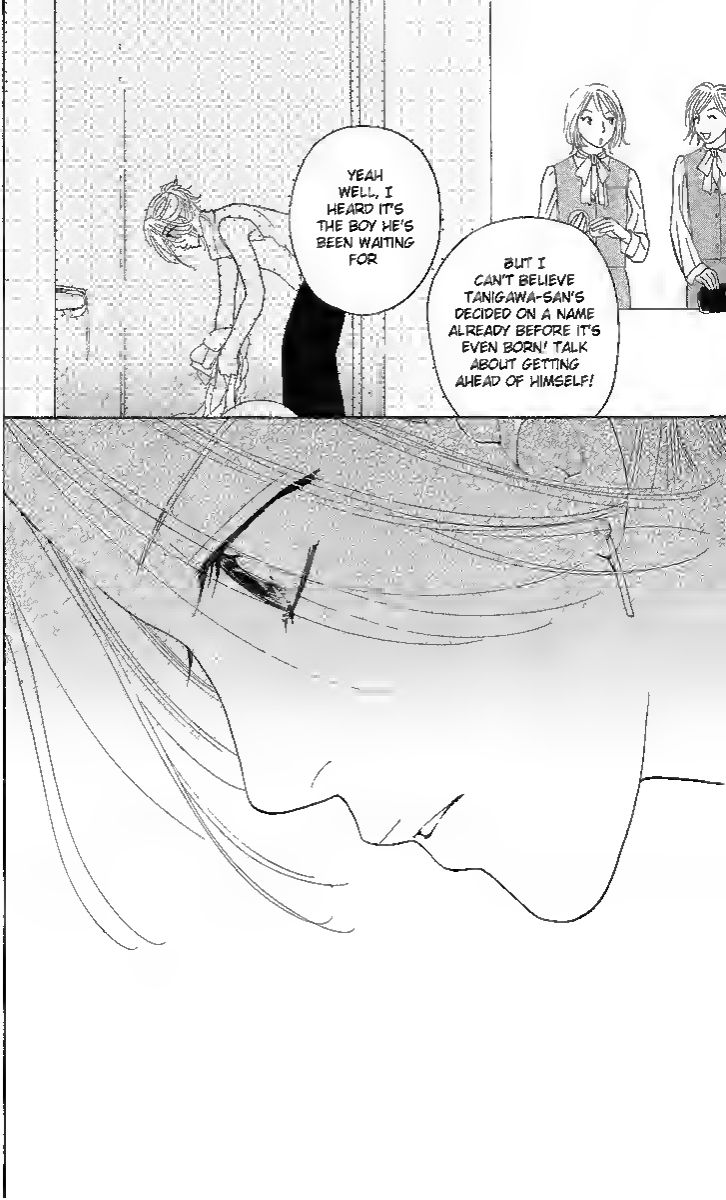
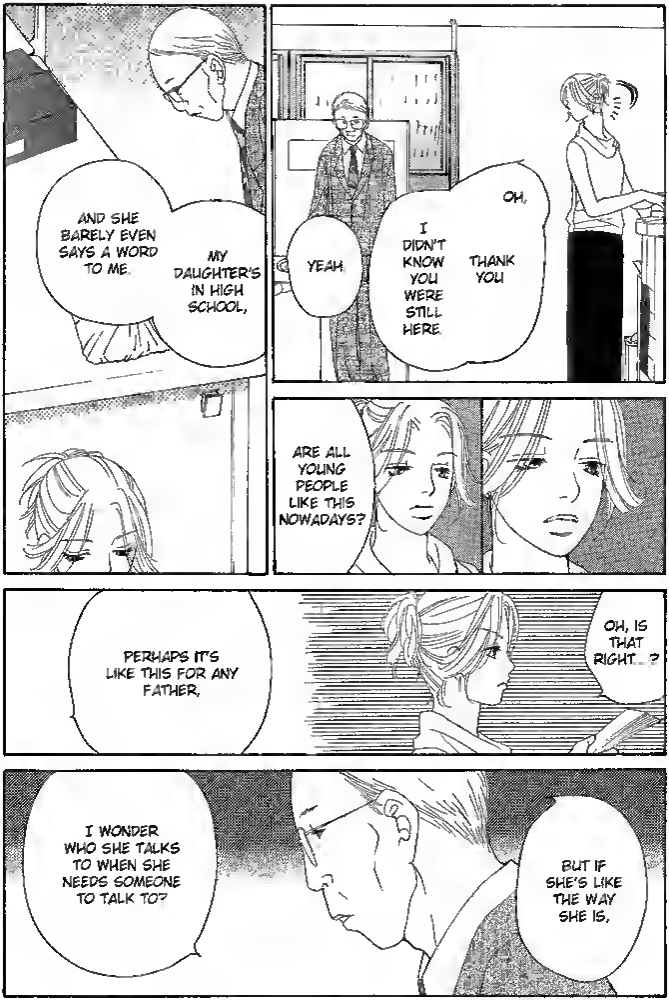
Tanigawa
WHO WAS THAT?
...OH
A FRIEND I'VE KNOWN SINCE BACK IN COLLEGE
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU
YOU SEEM REALLY UPSET
WELL,
YEAH
If he talks down to Tanigawa-san,
he's talking down to me too.
Reiko will probably laugh and tell me what a fool I am.


DO IT OVER BEFORE TOMORROW!
I'm not happy about this though...
but I can't believe how happy I am to hear him angry.
flick
NAH, I'LL BE FINE, THANKS.
WANT ME TO HELP YOU OUT WITH SOME-THING?
POOR, YOU, MAHO!
YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH SET FOR DOING SOME OVERTIME, HUH?

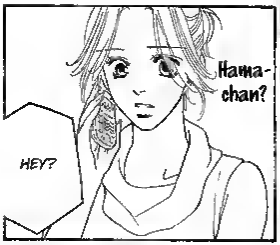
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
THAT GEEZER! I'M GONNA KILL HIM ONE OF THESE DAYS!
I'LL PUNCH HIS FACE IN!
wheeze
wheeze
IT'S NICE TO GET ALL MY FRUS-TRATIONS OUT...
BUT TO ROLL IT BACK UP IS A PAIN IN THE NECK
OH SHIT! IF THE HIGHER UPS CATCH ME, THEY'LL YELL AT ME FOR WASTING TOILET PAPER!
YEAH, AND SINCE THE INSURANCE'LL CHANGE


YEAH WELL, I HEARD IT'S THE BOY HE'S BEEN WAITING FOR
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE TANIGAWA-SAN'S DECIDED ON A NAME ALREADY BEFORE IT'S EVEN BORN! TALK ABOUT GETTING AHEAD OF HIMSELF!

"We haven't even slept together in the longest time"
swish
swish
swish
swish
I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOUR BENTO HERE


MY DAUGHTER'S IN HIGH SCHOOL.
AND SHE BARELY EVEN SAYS A WORD TO ME.
YEAH.
OH, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE STILL HERE.
THANK YOU
ARE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE THIS NOWADAYS?
PERHAPS IT'S LIKE THIS FOR ANY FATHER.
OH, IS THAT RIGHT...?
I WONDER WHO SHE TALKS TO WHEN SHE NEEDS SOMEONE TO TALK TO?
BUT IF SHE'S LIKE THE WAY SHE IS,

THEY DON'T RELY ON THEIR PARENTS ANYMORE. IT'S SAD REALLY.
PERHAPS ...
MAYBE IT JUST MEANS THEY'RE INDEPENDENT?
WELL, DO YOUR BEST.
SWISH
ring ring
Tanigawa-san?!


Hama-chan?
HEY?

IT'S MAHO, RIGHT? IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE PHONE?
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?
HE —Y?

HELLO~~

WHAT'S UP?
when she needs someone to talk to?"
who it is that she talks to
"I wonder
MAHO?

WELL YOUR VOICE SAYS OTHERWISE.
something like this with Hama-chan.
...NOTHING.
I can't talk about

IT'S NOTHING! JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
Why?
It takes two to do what I'm doing...
so why am I the only one suffering?
UGH
ding dong
So what? Right now
he's experiencing his lukewarm family life...

AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE ON A BUSINESS TRIP...?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MAHO, ARE YOU OKAY?
COULD YOU SHOW UP AT A WORSE TIME?
...TALK ABOUT UNFAIR!

WELL, IN MY CASE, I THINK IT'S THE BEST TIMING I COULD'VE SHOWN UP AT.

A
hesitant

and
faltering
caress.

one,
One by
He gazes down at me questioningly
before making a move, making sure that this is what I want.

I've never
been made
love to like
this before.

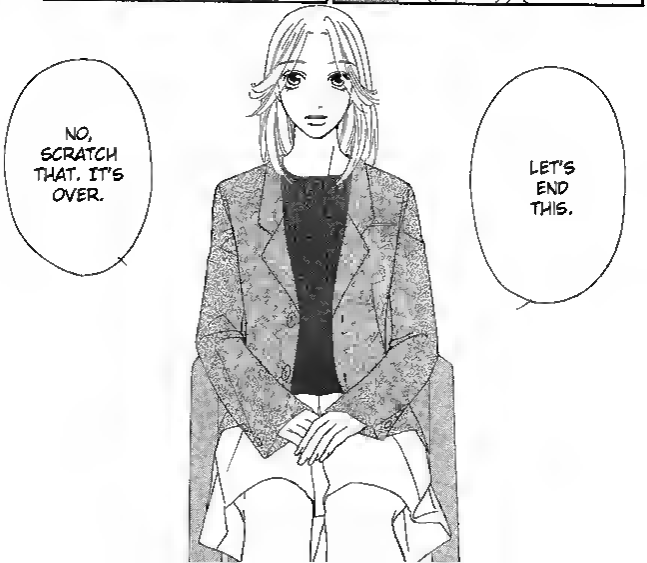
I've never been treated as precious as I am now.

MAHO.
DID IT HURT?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT

DO YOU REGRET IT?
Thank you, Hama-chan.

YOU KNOW, SINCE IT'S LUNCH AND WHAT WITH ALL THE PEOPLE AROUND
ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD BE MEETING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
Thank you.

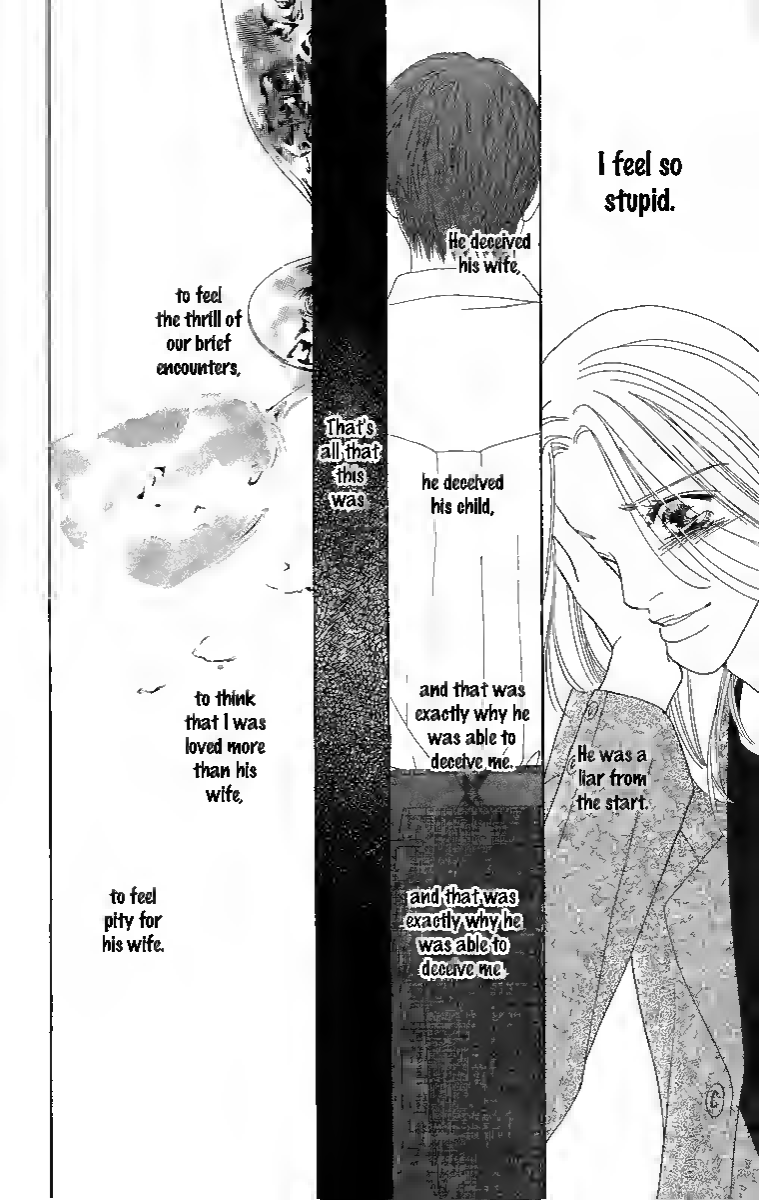
WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT?
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A SEAT? IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE DOING ANYTHING WRONG.


NO, SCRATCH THAT. IT'S OVER.
LET'S END THIS.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT MY KID FROM SOMEONE?
...
scratched
JUST LET ME EXPLAIN, OKAY?
THERE'S NOTHING TO HEAR.

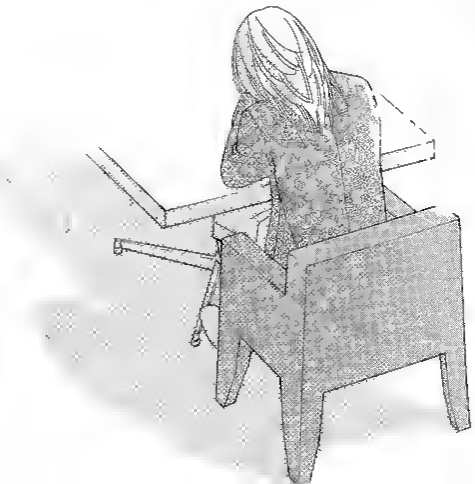
CLOTTER
LET'S TALK THINGS OVER WHEN WE'VE BOTH COOLED DOWN.
SIGH
THERE WILL BE NO NEXT TIME.
LET'S JUST TALK IT OVER
LATER, OKAY?

THUD
So this was all that I meant to him, huh?
I wanted to have a serious conversation, and this is how he treats me?


I feel so stupid.
He deceived his wife,
to feel the thrill of our brief encounters,
That's all that this was
he deceived his child,
and that was exactly why he was able to deceive me.
to think that I was loved more than his wife,
He was a liar from the start.
to feel pity for his wife.
and that was exactly why he was able to deceive me.

It was a pleasure unlike any other.

It probably was love that I felt.



ring ring
?
Pi
Sept. 24th
Tanigawa
I left the souvenir Reiko asked me to give you in front of your door
From Hama
HELLO? WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?
OH, SO YOU'RE STILL NEARBY?
WAIT FOR ME, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE

Tanigawa
090 70 X X 8 X X 2
Are you sure you want to delete?
YES
NO
Go back
Choose
that he'll find happiness.
Let's just pray
I need to do that if I want to be happy.

DID REIKO CALL YOU OUT?
YEAH, SHE WAS SAYING HOW WE SHOULD COME OVER TO EAT AT HER HOUSE SOMETIME...
WELL, I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO GO THERE TOGETHER SOMETIME SOON!